

## Week 2 Discussion Guide

### Summary Statement:

Special Revelation is God's revelation of Himself through dreams and visions, prophets, Christ, and Scripture. It is not accessible to all people in the same way that General Revelation is, and it provides far more detailed material than General Revelation does. General Revelation is God's kind gift to all people; Special Revelation is God's kind gift to His people (that is not to say that no pagans receive special forms of revelation or that non Christians can't read the Bible, but far and away, it is God's people who are the recipients and proper interpreters of these special forms of revelation).

### Discussion Questions:

1-With which of these forms of special revelation have you had personal experience?

\*Leader: Some in your group may have had, or may believe that they have had experiences with dreams/visions or prophecy. Don't be afraid of that or shut the conversation down, but if someone does share something like that, be sure not to miss the next question.

2-If we think we've received a dream or a vision from God, or a word of prophecy, how do we assess its validity?

\*Leader: God will not contradict His written word. Since all Scripture is breathed out by God, He is not going to breath something into you that contradicts what He breathed out in His word.

3-There is a form of Special Revelation that Wes did not cover in the teaching session, but that is nonetheless important, and is given to all believers, do you know what it is?

\*Leader: It is the Spirit of Truth who testifies within us, helps us interpret Scripture, and convicts us of particular sin.

4-Ask your group to share instances when they experienced the illuminating work of the Spirit in their study of Scripture, or His convicting work in revealing sin, or His affirmation of their belonging to God in the middle of a rough season. All of these are a special revelation from the Lord, through His Spirit, to the believer.

5-Does this category of Special Revelation produce awe in you?

\*Leader: Help your group see how incredible a thing it is that the God of the universe stoops to communicate with us! Leave them with a charge: if God has bothered to speak to me, I will listen, and I will obey.

