



## CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

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### NOTES:

1. What is the Bible? - The Bible is **God's Word**.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Psalm 12:6*

2. Can the Bible be trusted? **Yes**.

### WHY I CAN TRUST THE BIBLE

1. The Bible is **textually** accurate.

2. The Bible is **historically** accurate.

3. The Bible is **prophetically** accurate.

*2 Peter 1:21, Psalm 22:1;16-18*

4. The Bible was **trusted** by Jesus.

*John 1:12, Matthew 5:17-18*

5. The Bible is transformational for those who will obey it.

*John 8:31-32*

### RECOURSES:

[gotquestions.org/content\\_Bible\\_canon.html](http://gotquestions.org/content_Bible_canon.html)

*Can I Trust the Bible?* - R.C. Sproul

*Knowing the Book: Getting Grounded in the Bible* - Mark Yule & Kat Osten

*Systematic Theology* - Wayne Grudem

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

*Note: Our major focus in this series is not to learn what to think, but to learn how to think - biblically. As a result, we're offering up questions designed to help you and your group think through the topic of the week. Don't attempt to use all of these questions. Select the ones that will be best for your group to stimulate discussion and thinking. Each week will have additional resources and challenges for the week.*

### This Week's Sermon:

1. What is a worldview and how would you summarize the prevailing worldview of today?
2. "Question authority" was a popular bumper sticker of the 70's displayed by those who were fed up with the authority of their day. How prevalent is this idea today? Why do many still have an issue with authority? How does this relate to how we view the Bible?

3. Brainstorm as a group and come up with a list of 10(ish) consequences if we (individually or as a culture) lack a dependable source of truth.
4. How much conversation do you have with others (outside of your church circle) about the Bible? How do they view it? What objections have you heard about the Bible? What are some of the subtle ways that our world would question the authority or authenticity of the scriptures? How comfortable are you in being able to address these objections?
5. Thomas presented four reasons for why we can trust the Bible.
  - a. Textually accurate
  - b. Historically accurate
  - c. Prophetically accurate
  - d. Jesus trusted it
  - e. Transforms lives

Briefly summarize what each statement means. Which of these reasons most resonated with you? Why?

6. Psalm 119 (the largest chapter in the Bible) dives deep into the authoritative and transformational power of the Scriptures. What do you observe in these verses that speak to this power? Psalm 119: 9-16; 33-40.
7. The Bible claims it is the very Word (breath) of God. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21) What is the significance of such a claim?
8. How have you seen the word of God transform your life?
9. What is your main takeaway from this week's topic? In what specific way are you able to apply something that you have learned?

### **Additional resources and challenges for your group**

- Watch the sermon by Vodie Bachaum "Why I Choose to Believe the Bible" on YouTube.
- Read this article about how the Bible is questioned. <https://shepherds.edu/top-ten-attacks-against-the-bibles-historical-reliability/>
- Purchase and read a copy of *Understanding the Book*. It's part of the Highlands Deeper Walk discipleship curriculum and provides more information on much of what was covered this week.
- Psalm 19:7-11 contains several authoritative declarations of the Bible (it's "features") and corresponding personal results ("benefits"). Meditate on one verse for each of the next five days.
- Ask three people (outside of Highlands Church circles) what they think of the Bible. Record their answers and summarize how you responded.