

SESSION TWO

WHY SHOULD I TRUST THE BIBLE?

The Bible is the trustworthy
Word of God.



KEY PASSAGES

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 1:1-2

Matthew 5:17-18

KEY VERSE

Romans 15:4

THINK ABOUT IT!

If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it, did it make a sound? What are some events you know to have happened, but you did not see for yourself?

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5. _____

SHARPEN & STRENGTHEN

God's Word is a light for our feet and guides us on the path of truth. (See Psalm 119:105.) We can trust the Bible because it is the very words of God. Jesus knew the importance of God's Word and used it to teach others about Himself. Scripture is clear that the truth of God's Word is meant to change us. (See Hebrews 4:12.) Will you choose to trust God's Word and turn to it for truth?

Who wrote the Bible?

- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
- According to these verses, who is the author of the Bible?

How did we get the Bible?

- Read Hebrews 1:1-2.
- If you had to share several explanations to help a friend recognize the Bible as "sacred," what would they be?

Did Jesus affirm Scripture?

- Read Matthew 5:17-18.
- Find the original reference where Jesus quoted these Scripture verses.
Hint: Use a Bible concordance or a cross reference study Bible to help you find the answers.

Matthew 4:4

Mark 7:10

Luke 19:46



For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of the soul and spirit, joints, and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

FIRE IT UP!

KEY VERSE CODE-BREAK

Use the key on the right to fill in the consonants that are missing from the verse below, then complete the reference with the circled letters in order. Use the lines at the bottom of the page to write how this truth affects you!

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WHO WROTE THE BOOK?

Match the author to each book of the Bible by writing a letter in the blank beside each book title. *Hint: Authors can be used more than once.*

Canon

the list of all the books that belong in the Bible



- A. Ezra
- B. Paul
- C. John
- D. Moses
- E. Jeremiah
- F. Solomon
- G. Luke

- ___ Genesis
- ___ Ecclesiastes
- ___ Lamentations
- ___ Ezra
- ___ Revelation
- ___ Acts
- ___ 1 and 2 Corinthians
- ___ Exodus

THINK ON IT!

Based on today's Bible study, answer the following questions:

- Why can you trust the Bible?

- Write down any other ideas or thoughts from today's Bible study that stood out to you.

The Bible
is the
trustworthy
Word of God.



DAILY DISCIPLESHIP

Here are a few tips as you read God's Word and use the following journal pages to write down what you learn:

- What does the text say? Write down exact truths from the Bible.
- Let Scripture interpret Scripture. What do these verses mean? Be careful to not insert your own meaning into the text. Think about the message the original readers or hearers would have understood.
- How can you apply the truths of God's Word to your life? How should these truths change the way you think and live?

DAY ONE

God is the Divine Author of the Bible.

- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Galatians 1:11-12; and John 17:17.

God is the author of Scripture. All truth comes from Him and He has breathed out His words so that we may know Him and what is true. God used men as the vessels by which His words were written, but these men were divinely inspired by God. Since God is truth and the Bible is His Word, the Bible contains all truth. We can trust Scripture to guide us in truth because it is the very words of God.

- Using the space below, write how these verses teach that God is the author of the Bible.

- How can we trust that God is the author of the Bible? Is His Word true?



Infallible

free of error; the idea that Scripture is not able to lead us astray in matters of faith and practice
(2 Timothy 3:16)



Inspiration
 God-breathed; God inspired people to write the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:16)

DAY TWO

God used men to write down His truthful words.

- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Numbers 12:6-8; and 1 Corinthians 2:12-13.

What's a favorite book you've read? Most books are great because the author really knows how to tell a good story. However, there is only one Author whose book tells a story that is the source of all truth. God used people to actually write down His words, but these people communicated exactly what God wanted them to. Through the Holy Spirit, God used men like a vessel to write down the words in the Bible and give us a book that helps us to know what is true.

- Did Scripture come from people's own interpretation?

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- How did the writers speak from God?
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DAY THREE

God's Word was preserved and is eternal.

- Read Hebrews 1:1-2; Psalm 12:6-7; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 119:89; and Matthew 24:35.

God spoke to Moses and the prophets and later sent His Son to speak truth. These words were kept pure, inerrant, and everlasting. The words are everlasting because God is eternal. God does not change. Therefore, since all truth comes from God, truth does not change. We can't change Scripture to fit our own ideas or beliefs, though some have tried. We must take the Bible for what it says.



Inerrant
 the truth that Scripture in its original form does not contain anything contrary to fact (2 Peter 1:20-21)

- Can God's Word contain errors? *Circle one.* Yes No

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- How should you approach reading the Bible when you come to a text that may be hard to understand?
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DAY FOUR

Jesus believed Scripture is the Word of God.

- Read Matthew 5:17-18; Mark 7:9-13; Matthew 4:1-11; and Hebrews 4:12.

Jesus believed the Bible was the authoritative Word of God. He did not question its truthfulness. Jesus taught from the Scriptures. He used the Scripture as the foundation for truth and to reveal the truth to others. He even used Scripture to fight temptation and believed it was able to judge the thoughts of the hearts.

- Did Jesus believe in the historical accuracy of the Bible (example: Noah and the flood)?
 - How did Jesus use Scripture to fight against temptation?
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DAY FIVE

The truth of Scripture points to Jesus.

- Read Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 16:17; Matthew 1:22-23; John 3:14-15; John 5:36-39; and Luke 24:27.

The Bible isn't just a book filled with stories. The Bible is God's revelation to us concerning Jesus. From Genesis to Revelation, all of Scripture points to Jesus. Jesus understood that all of Scripture was written for us to know what is true and to believe in Him. He taught from the Bible concerning Himself so that others would believe. When we read the

Bible, we must see that God always intended to point us to the truth about Jesus.

- How do these verses demonstrate that Jesus came to fulfill what was written about Him?

- Why is it important to interpret Scripture with Jesus in mind?



JOURNAL & PRAYER



Covenant Relationship

a mutual agreement between two people or groups of people; The covenant between God and people is unique because God alone sets the conditions. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)