

Engaging the Jesus of the Bible

Luke 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Do I believe that the Bible is the _____ or the _____?
_____?
- Do I believe that the Bible _____
or that _____?
- Do I believe that God has revealed _____
_____ for _____ and _____
_____ in the Bible?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Can you think of any teachings in the Bible that you find difficult to believe or accept?
2. How do you tend to respond to these “difficult teachings”? (Ignore them? “Blind” faith? Outright rejection? Faithful submission? Something else?)
3. Think through the three questions Chris asked us Sunday. What was your response to each?
4. Reread 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How would you explain the biblical doctrines of *inspiration*, *authority*, and *sufficiency* in your own words? Why is each one important?
5. Luke invites us to engage Jesus in order to “know the certainty” of the things we have been taught. How well would you say you have examined the life and teaching of Jesus? Are you willing to carefully examine what the Bible actually teaches about Him and respond appropriately?

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