

Why God? *Why should we believe in the Bible?*

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

*"How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word." –
Psalm 119:9 (ESV)*

*"For truly, I say to you, until heaven and
earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will
pass from the Law until all is accomplished."
– Matthew 5:18 (ESV)*

*"Scripture cannot be broken." – John 10:35
(ESV)*

*"Sanctify them in your truth; your word is
truth." – John 17:17 (ESV)*

*"16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and
profitable for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy
3:16-17 (ESV)*

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What are some of the craziest fake news stories that you have read?
- What would you consider a reliable source when it comes to information? Why do you trust it?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does it say about scripture?
- Read Matthew 5:18, John 10:35, and John 17:17. Does Jesus have a low view of scripture or a high view?
- In 2 Timothy 3:16, it says that "All Scripture is breathed out by God." Re-read this section in the NIV and GW translations and discuss – what does it mean?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Have you ever heard the question, "Why should I believe in the authority of the bible?" What are some reasons that people would raise to call into question its authenticity?
- What evidence have you heard that shows the reliability of the Bible?
- For you what does it come down to when deciding what we are reading is true? How do you personally know that it can be trusted?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Do your current Bible habits match your how valuable God's Word is? If not, take a step: join us in the "Life Journal" reading plan, or subscribe to our "Scripture On The Go" podcast!
- Watch our "Sola Scriptura" Discipleship Night presentation from 2014 by visiting: <https://youtu.be/Nh1Beeslijg>
- Read *The Case for Christ* (Strobel) or *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict* (McDowell).

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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