

Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 23, 2022

Is the Bible just a bunch of made-up stories or is it historically accurate?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- When you hear or read something, on the news, internet, or social media, how do you decide whether to believe if it is true or not?
- What is your history with the Bible? Did you grow up believing it to be God's word? Did you discover the Bible later in life?
- What is your current view on the Bible? Do you see it as a bunch of myths, a "good book", or the authoritative word of God?
- What has led you to your current point of view?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

The Bible is historically accurate based on TEXTUAL ACCURACY, ARCHEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE, and the RELIABLE WITNESS TO THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

- How are you feeling about taking 4 weeks to learn about why we should believe the Bible?
- How would you respond to someone who asked you why you believe the Bible?

Some skeptics say the Bible is made up stories to try and control people.

- How can understanding the incredibly heavy persecution of the first Christians, including the execution of most of the writers of the New Testament, debunk this thought?
- Why do you think the Bible has been the most scrutinized collection of literature throughout the ages?
- Although it has been the most scrutinized book ever, still nothing in the Bible has ever been definitively disproven. What does this tell you?

Read – Revelation 1:19

This is only one of many places where God instructs someone to write down what He is revealing to them.

- Why do you think God wants the things in the Bible to be written down and preserved?

Read – Genesis 3:1

- How was Satan attempting to set Eve up to sin?
- How can modern day skepticism of the Bible be in line with Satan's mission?
- What is the difference between searching out questions you have about the Bible vs. looking for excuses not to believe the Bible?
- What is the difference between BLIND FAITH and INTELLECTUAL FAITH?
- Do we need to set aside our intellect to believe the Bible? Why or why not?
- What are current questions you have about the authenticity of the Bible?
- What do you plan to do to seek out answers to these questions?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS