# **Defending the Bible**

### **Big Idea**

The Holy Bible continues to endure throughout the ages. While other books and philosophies come and go, God's Word will never pass away. We don't need to defend the Bible, but sometimes, we need to know why the Bible is defendable.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away..... - Matthew 24:35

The Bible is historically, scientifically, and prophetically accurate. While it spans many authors, its theme is unified. Even Jesus Himself trusted the words of the Bible. No one has been able to successfully attack the Bible, because these words are life changing!

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What was the most compelling part of this message for you? Did you learn anything new?After listening to this message, is there another kind Bible you'd like to get, to use as an additional resource?
- 2. Do you ever hesitate to trust the Bible? Why or why not?
- 3. Do you feel like you were able to gain some confidence in being able to defend the Bible? If so, how?
- 4. Talk about the three challenging questions Pastor Matt asked near the end of the message. How do these questions make you feel? What is your answer to these questions?
  - Will I attack God's Word or live by it?
  - Will I deconstruct it or defend it?
  - Will I follow the world or the Word?

### **Prayer Focus**

Father, give us a greater desire to know you more, through your Word. Would we believe at a new level in Your Holy Word. Would we put our full faith in these Words and live for them, in Jesus name. Amen.

## **Next Steps**

On the Sundays nights of February 20th, 27th, and March 6th, from 6-7pm, we are having our first Equip Seminar of the year, called "How to Read Your Bible." So many people ask us, where do I start, how do I understand this, what is the Bible telling me to do?...So for 3 nights, Megan Wright, author and writer of several Bible Reading Plans for the YouVersion Bible app, and Chris Holbrook, Discipleship Pastor, are going to teach you about the Bible. There will be childcare for your kids, so we have you covered. Go ahead and register through the Rescue House App for this free event.

#### Bible References

Matthew 24:35, Psalm 33:4, Psalm 148:5-6, Isaiah 40:22, Job 26:7, Jeremiah 33:22, Leviticus 17:11, Leviticus 13:4, Psalm 12:6, 2 Peter 1:21, Matthew 26:56, Revelation 22:6, Luke 24:27, Matthew 5:18, 1 Peter 1:24-25, John 8:31-32