

Session 2: Can we Trust the Bible?

1. Have you ever wondered if you could trust the Bible as God's Word?
2. Have you ever heard anyone doubt the reliability of the New Testament? If so, what did they say? What did you think about it?
3. What was the most interesting fact you learned from the section about what the Bible says about the Bible?
4. For further study read 1 Tim. 5:18 and 2 Peter 3:16. Any guesses at why these are significant as we look at the trustworthiness of the Bible?
 - a. *Leader Note: 1 Tim. 5 quotes Deut. 24:5 and Luke 10:7. What this shows us is that 1 - the Gospel of Luke was written before the death of Paul and 2- that Paul equated Luke's Gospel with the authority given to Old Testament Scripture. 2 Peter 3:16 shows that Peter lumped Paul's writings into the category of Scripture.*
 - i. *So at the VERY least, Paul and Luke are considered as Holy Scripture by the Bible. And even if that is the only parts we decide to trust, that is over 50% of the New Testament! Luke wrote his Gospel and Acts. Paul wrote Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1&Timothy, Titus, Philemon and maybe Hebrews.*
5. What was the most interesting fact that you learned about the reliability of the New Testament?

Put it into Practice:

- Focus on Psalm 19:7-11 and what it says about the Word of God. For more in depth study read a little bit of Psalm 119 each day