



## Foundational: The Bible

Imagine you are dropped into the middle of a predator infested wilderness with no phone, no compass, or any other guidance device. You are told that you are just a 5 mile walk away from civilization if you travel South West from your current location. How do you determine which way to go?

What could happen if you misidentify your direction?

How do you determine what is true? Why do we need a standard for truth? What happens if we don't have one?

### We believe in and accept the whole authority of Scripture

We believe that the entire Bible is fully inspired by God, that it is His perfect Word and as such, it is entirely trustworthy as our guide for truth, faith, life, marriage, and salvation. We hold a high view of the Scriptures and its authority in our lives.

Has the Bible been a good standard for humanity? Why or why not? (If everyone agrees, select someone in your group to play devil's advocate. Just for fun!)

Read and Discuss the following quotes:

***“It’s not that the Bible is true. It’s that the Bible is the prerequisite for the manifestation of truth, which makes it far more true than just ‘true.’ It’s a whole different kind of truth. And I think that’s not just literally the case – in fact – I think it can’t be otherwise. This is the only way to solve the problem of perception.”***

***-Jordan Peterson***

***I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.***

**-C.S. Lewis, 1944.**

Why is it so important that we don't confuse truth with perception?

How does your faith currently influence the way you see things in your life?

**Read: Hebrews 6:18, Psalm 33:4, Luke 1:1-4**

Why does the historical accuracy of the Bible strengthen your faith?

If it weren't so accurate, would that change your belief in Jesus as Savior?

With over 63,000 cross references, from around 40 different authors, across 3 languages, 1,500 years, and 3 continents, the Bible is perhaps the most unique book in the history of the world. How does its incredible unity help you trust what it has to say?

Why keeps you accountable to read the Bible? How can we help each other in this?

How can we pray for one another this week?