

Is The Bible True?

SESSION ONE: THE HIDDEN TRUTH

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify the way we will reach the answer to if the Bible is true.**
- 2. Discover why we don't innately believe the Bible to be true.**

TWO: NEW SIGHT

THREE: SLIDING HEAD FIRST



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There is a common phrase, particularly in sports, that says, "In order to be the best, you must **beat** the best."

This dilemma of proving who is best isn't just constrained to a team setting, but even trickles down into players careers. To continue advancing through high school, college and the professional ranks, you must prove that you can beat the best. Pitchers have to be able to get the best hitters out, and hitters must be able to find success against the best pitching to continue playing down the road.

Who is the best player right now in Major League Baseball to you?

What was your process for picking the player you believe to be the best in the game?

Each of us likely pulled up their track records to see who has stood the test. We go back through season after season of statistical data to support our claim based on their performance. We see

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what awards they have received, how long their run of success has lasted and where they stand among other greats. In order for us to be convinced that what we believe is true, it must be tested and proven so.

For many of us, our approach to the Bible follows a similar path. We have already uncovered what the Bible is — that it is the Word of God and that we believe it is true. But how do we **know** that it is true? Over the next three lessons, we will look at how the Bible has been tested and what evidence we have to support its **divinity**.

divinity: The quality of being from God.

Do you currently believe the Bible is true? Why or why not?

A great place for us to begin our study of discovering the Bible's truth is to come to grasp with why we don't innately believe it to be true. There are many things that we seemingly naturally come to understand as true, but why is the Bible not one of those?

“**Sin within us, the anti-God drive in mankind's make-up that is our legacy from Adam, has noetic as well as behavioral consequences: it promises a universal unresponsiveness to spiritual truth and reality that the New Testament calls hardness and blindness of heart.**” — (Packer, 2022, p.83).

Essentially, our sin has disabled our ability to rightly see and savor the Word of God as it truly is. The Bible talks about how those without the Spirit of God see the Bible as foolish, that its truth is hidden from them and that their hearts are unaccepting of its message.

Write out the following scriptures below to further uncover this claim:

1 Corinthians 2:14 —

Isaiah 59:2 —

Ephesians 4:18 —

To put it into a baseball perspective, this phenomena is similar to trying to catch that mile high pop up in the heat of the day without sunglasses on. The sun is so blindingly bright that it hinders our ability to see the ball to be able to catch it. Only when we put our sunglasses on can we look clearly into the light and perceive the ball rightly to catch it.

The Spirit of God serves as our glasses — He enables us to see the Word of God for the truth that it is and understand it's contents in a way that draws us closer to Christ. Through Him, we can digest it's words for our gain and comprehend the glorious truths within its pages.

How does Ezekiel 36:26 say this will happen?

How does Jesus contrast believers and non-believers understanding of Scripture in Luke 8:9-10?