

Is the Bible True?

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What are some things you trust as a source of dependable information in your life? Share with your group the reason behind your answer.
3. Read Matthew 7:24-27. How does this passage speak to the choices that we make every day? What does Jesus want us to learn from this passage?
4. Scan 2 Timothy chapter 3. What are some ways that Paul reminds Timothy of the importance of God's Word? Why would the Word be so important in this context?
5. 2 Peter 1:20-21 gives us insight into how God gave us His Word. What insights do you notice in these verses?
6. God is very precise when He communicates. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-13. How does God communicate with us? How does this fit with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:18?
7. Pastor covered 16 ways that the Bible is unique from any other writing in the history of man. Was there one way that stood out to you? If you had to pick one which would be the most compelling?
8. Pastor reviewed a chart comparing the manuscripts of the Bible with other ancient writings. What stood out to you from this chart? What does this say about the Bible?
9. Reflect again on Jesus' words in John 3:31-32. How should the information in this lesson impact your use of the Bible?

Digging Deeper

10. Start the 30 Day New Testament reading this week. You can get a head start by beginning Monday!

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The God Questions

Sunday November 8, 2015

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:32 ESV

1. **I Need to Obtain the _____ .**
2. **The Truth will set me _____ .**

The Bible Claims to be the _____

1. **God's _____**

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

2. **God Communicated through _____**

"knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:20-21 ESV

3. **The _____ Are God Spoken.**

"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words." 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 NIV

16 Ways the Bible is _____

1. _____ Books
2. Written over a span of _____ years.
3. Written over _____ generations.
4. Written by over _____ from every walk of life.
5. Written in _____ .
6. Written at _____ .
7. Written during _____ .
8. Written on _____ .
9. Written in three _____ .
10. Written in Different _____ .
11. Cover C _____ Subjects.
12. It is unigue in its C _____ .
13. It is unigue in its T _____ .
14. It is unigue in its S _____ .
15. It has Unique in it T _____ .
16. It has survived P _____ .

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Caesar's <i>Gallic Wars</i>	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000	10
Livy's <i>History of Rome</i>	59 BC-AD 17			20
Plato (Tetralogies)	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200	7
Tacitus (Annuals)	100 AD	1100 AD	1000	20
also minor works	100 AD	1000 AD	900	1
Pliny the Younger (History)	61-113 AD	850 AD	750	7
Thucydides' <i>History</i>	460-400 BC	AD 900	1,300	8
Suetonius (De Vita Caesarum)	75-160 AD	950 AD	800	8
Herodotus' <i>History</i>	480-425 BC	AD 900	1,300	8
Sophocles	496-406 BC	1000 AD	1,400	193
Aristotle	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1,400	49
Homer (Iliad)	900 BC	400 BC	500	643
The New Testament	40-100 AD	AD 125	25	24,000
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“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.””
John 8:31-32 ESV