

Searching for Answers | Week 3 - Can I trust the Bible?

Message Big Idea

The Bible can be shown to be a reliable document, accurately recorded and transmitted through history, endorsed and authorized by Jesus, and relevant to life in the 21st century.

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 7:17, James 1:22

Opening Questions

1. How have you been able to B.L.E.S.S. someone recently?
2. What's something dumb you wish you had never done? Like roller-skate down a big hill, tie your loose tooth to a doorknob, etc . . . ?
3. We all long for reliability in our lives. We count on reliability for many small things that make up our daily lives. Finding reliable and trustworthy people is also important. It's our foundation for healthy relationships and lifestyles. What does it mean for someone in your life to be reliable?

Bible Discussion

4. Watch the following Bible Project video that is in this week's message. What stood out to you? (Visit our Youtube channel to see this video - [youtube.com/CommunityChristianChurch3C](https://www.youtube.com/CommunityChristianChurch3C))
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What stood out to you or struck you? What is this passage saying about the Scripture? How would you put it into your own words?
6. Read John 7:17. Jesus says that if you want to know if his teaching is true, the only way to verify it is to live it. Read James 1:22. In what ways do these passages connect with 2 Timothy 3:16-17?

Life Application

7. How relevant is the Bible to your everyday life? Why or why not?
8. What might make you inclined to rely on the Bible as a source of truth or guidance in your life? What makes it hard for you to rely on the Bible as a source of guidance?
9. Pastor William Sloane Coffin said, "It is a mistake to look to the Bible to close a discussion; the Bible seeks to open one." In what way does the Bible open up a discussion?

Challenge

- Sign up for the Community Daily or begin a Bible reading plan and commit to reading Scripture five days a week.
- You may also want to pray this simple prayer when you read the Scripture. Pray, "God if you're real, make yourself real to me through your Word."
- Invite God to be revealed to you through Scripture and then listen for God's voice in your reading.