

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

Points to Keep In Mind

1. The discussion questions will help you better understand what people in your small group think about the Bible. You will learn about their history with Scripture and where people stand. This discussion should be open, and people should feel comfortable enough to object to the Bible or ask out-of-the-box questions. Don't feel pressured to be the Bible answer person. Ask the group what they think. Or say, "Tell me more about that." Be attentive and learn about the members of the group. We want people to understand and know that they can still be Christ followers even if they have hard questions about scripture or unanswered questions.
2. The 2 Timothy 3:16-17 verses refer to Old Testament scripture because the New Testament hadn't been written yet. We now believe that the New Testament is included in Paul's charge to Timothy that all scripture is "God-breathed." The John verse is helpful. It illuminates why we include the New Testament in "God-breathed" because it testifies about Jesus. If we take the idea of the Bible's reliability seriously, what could it mean for us to find God in the Bible?
3. Walk through the questions with your group and consider alternative questions depending on your group's make-up. Challenge them to think deeply about why and how they use or don't use the Bible. A next step for many people would be to explore the Bible deeper. Encourage people to sign up for the Community Daily, which will offer resources and next steps that connect with our weekly messages.

Next Steps

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your YOU+ journey? Check out communitychristian.org/you
3. Have you considered getting baptized? Learn more at communitychristian.org/baptism
4. Subscribe to the Community Daily - communitychristian.org/daily
4. If anyone in your small group is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth