



Can I Trust the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Discussion Questions

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1. Share a situation where you had to trust someone else in a big way. What was at stake? What reasons led you to trust the person in the way you did?
2. Look at the question we're considering this week: "Can I Trust the Bible?" What reasons might someone give for NOT trusting the Bible? Are there doubts you have about the Bible's trustworthiness?
3. "Christianity stands or falls on the Bible." Do you agree with this statement? What is it about the Bible that makes it so central to Christianity?
4. One reason we should have confidence in the Bible is because of its tremendous unity. Summarize what Tim shared about the unity of the Bible. How can this truth give us confidence in the Bible?
5. How does the reliable transmission of the Bible (trusting the process of HOW the Scriptures have been preserved over the centuries) support the confidence we should have in it?
6. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. According to this verse, who is the primary Author of Scripture? How does remembering who Scripture is FROM give us confidence in its message?
7. Read Psalm 1:2-3. What vision do these verses give for the transforming influence Scripture can have? What stands out to you most from this passage?
8. Share any ways the Bible has been a transforming power in your life – think especially in terms of individual verses that have ministered to you and/or how applying the Bible's message has shaped you personally, in meaningful ways
9. A driving statement throughout the message was this: **The greater our confidence in the Bible, the more we'll base our lives on the Bible.** What does it look like to "base your life on the Bible"? (Refer back to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 for help in responding.)
10. This week was all about showing that we should have confidence in the Bible as the Word of God. What does living with a confident view of the Bible look like in very practical terms? If you're not in the habit of reading God's Word daily, what sort of impact might this habit have on your life?
11. Challenge: Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."