
[SERMON NOTES]

Can I trust the Bible? (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 1:1-2, 4:12; John 5:43-51; 2 Pet. 1:19-21)

We need to be _____, not _____, in our trust of the Bible.

What would you expect from the Bible to have confidence in it?

- _____ accurate
- Scientifically _____
- Remarkably _____
- _____ deeply

Jesus submitted _____ to _____.

We _____ to Jesus.

Therefore, we submit to _____.

Further notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

This weekend we talked about the different things we would expect to be true if we are to have confidence in the Bible as our authority. Take a look at the summary table on the back of four ways Scripture is reliable. **Which one is the easiest or most compelling for you? Which one is the least convincing or most challenging?**

The Bible is...

Historically Accurate: Not a History Textbook, but historically accurate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More manuscript copies closer to the date of actual events than any other major event or historical or literary work • Never disproven by archaeological finds—these have only confirmed biblical historicity
Scientifically Consistent: Not a Science Textbook, but is scientifically consistent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides before-its-time scientific wisdom (i.e. circumcision, certain health codes, etc.) • Describes <i>who</i> the Creator is (God), but often leaves space for us to discover <i>how</i> (science & other disciplines) he may have done it • Faith is not the enemy of science, but it's companion
Remarkably Prophetic: Not a crystal or magic-8-ball, but remarkably predictive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A unified story that points to and predicts Jesus • Peter Stroner (mathematician) – there's a 1:100 <i>quadrillion</i> chance of fulfilling just 8 of the prophecies in the OT (Jesus fulfilled 300+)
Resonates Deeply: Not a Self-Help book, but helps us navigate life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to our deepest wounds and brokenness and suffering • Resonates with our deepest longings for family and forgiveness and fulfillment

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week, since our topic is the Word, we want to encourage you and/or your group to spend some extra time in the Word by walking through the H.E.A.R. Scripture Journaling Tool. **The goal is to hear from God in Scripture and follow through to obey his Word in daily life.**

First, choose one of the chapters from the *weekly readings* section below to read through.

Next, read through the chosen chapter of Scripture and follow these four rhythms. If you're doing this on your own, we suggest you write these out in a journal or a separate piece of paper:

1. **H**ighlight the verse, word, or phrase that stood out to you in the chapter
2. **E**xplain *what* it means based on the surrounding context and *why* you chose it
3. **A**pply it to your life—*what acts of obedience, big or small, might God be inviting you into?*
4. **R**espond in prayer to God and obedience to His Word as you live your life

***We invite you to check out the App or Website for a slightly more detailed overview of the H.E.A.R. Scripture Journaling Tool.

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

John 1

Hebrews 1

1 John 1

2 Timothy 3

BONUS: Psalm 119