

Why the Bible?



Main Points

- Almost everyone has an opinion about the Bible.
- When we properly understand what the Bible is we can understand how to use the Bible properly.
- No one alive today is required to meet the standards of the OT in order to please God.
- the foundation of Christianity is not a book but an event.
- Jesus' death and resurrection fulfilled and ended the old contract based on rules and performance and replaced it with a new promise based on love and trust.
- The NT writings aren't reliable because they are in the Bible... they are in the Bible because they are reliable
- The NT writings are the most reliable set of documents from the ancient world.
- The authors of the NT were more than eye-witnesses... They were chosen representatives.
- The Apostles of Jesus were chosen and authorized to speak for Jesus.
- The NT writings don't have authority because they are in the Bible. They are in the Bible because the writers had Jesus' authority.
- The NT writings did not create the story of Jesus. The story of Jesus created the NT writings.
- We can logically and historically believe the unbelievable story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Part 1: What is the Bible?
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Message Passage

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21 NLT

This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate. Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

John 21:24-25 NLT

Discussion Questions

1. What have you seen God doing in your life and world this past week?
2. What's your main takeaway from this week's message (question, thing to explore, main learning, application, etc.)?
3. Growing up, what did you associate with the Bible? Has your view of the Bible changed as you've gotten older? If so, how?
4. Read 1 John 1:1-4. What stands out to you most in these opening lines?
5. How can your group pray for you this week

"Show Notes" Resources & Links:

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[Podcast](#)

Social Media Giveaways:
Last week: Big Wig Donuts
This week: Mina's Cafe

For Salem August: [School Supplies!](#)

Suggested Bible Reading:
Hebrews 8

Music we listened to:
Live- T.B.D
The Kid LAROI- [Without You](#)
Salt of the Sound- [As the Mist Clears](#)

Gatherings in Person:
September 12 & 24
www.yourcrosscreek.com/party

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Weekly Challenge

Read Mark & 1 John this week...

3 chapters a day