

# **“How Do We Know the Bible is True?”**

## **Sermon Series “God Questions: Real Questions – Authentic Faith”**

### **January 15, 2012**

#### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

#### **Hebrews 4:12**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- 1. How the Bible view’s itself**
  
- 2. Common objections**
  
- 3. Reasons and evidence for the reliability of the Bible**
  - A. Authenticity of manuscripts**
  
  - B. Scientific evidence**
  
  - C. Archeological evidence**
  
  - D. Evidence from prophecy**
  
  - E. Literary style**
  
  - F. It is honest about the faults of its heroes**
  
  - G. It was anything but a crutch for the first followers**

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The basis of our faith is our belief in and trust of the Bible. If the Bible is true and reliable then our faith is on solid ground. If the Bible is a fairytale or work of fiction then our faith is not reliable. So in the next two weeks we will be exploring the nature of the Bible. This first week we will be talking about whether or not the Bible is reliable. The second week we will be talking about how to interpret, understand and apply the Bible to our lives.

1. When thinking about the Bible what are your favorite passages and why?
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12. What does the Bible say about itself and its usefulness? How would you describe the role of the Bible in your life to another Christian? How might you describe the role of the Bible in your life to someone who is not yet a Christian? (The role of course is going to be the same but the way you describe it might be different.)
3. What are objections that non-Christians have to seeing the Bible as true and as our authority? What are some objections that even some who profess Christianity have in viewing the Bible as true and their ultimate authority?
4. Below are listed the areas that were given in the sermon as evidence for the Bible being true and therefore rightfully the authority of our lives. For each area explain, in your own words, the evidence given and to show the support for the authority of the Bible.
  - A. Authenticity of manuscripts
  - B. Scientific evidence
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  - D. Evidence from prophecy
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5. After reviewing the evidence given from above what questions or objections would still remain as to the truth and authority of the Bible? How would you answer those questions and objections?