

HOW DO WE KNOW THE BIBLE IS TRUE?

PSALM 19

MAIN TAKEAWAY

You can build your life on the Word of God. To grow spiritually, we must read, study, memorize, and obey the Word of God.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

In our series on hot button issues, Pastor Greg explained, “There is nothing more controversial than the Bible.” Why is the Bible controversial? How have you experienced this?

What role does the Bible have regarding success or failure in the Christian life (Joshua 1:8)? Why will a successful Christian always be a Bible-studying Christian? Why will a failing Christian be one who neglects Scripture? How have you grown to delight in and love God’s Word?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ PSALM 19:7-11

The Word of God is perfect—it is God’s infallible Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17). In what ways does the Bible contain everything you need to know about God and your life?

The Bible is confirmed by archaeology and science. How does the Bible’s historical and scientific accuracy increase your trust in its teaching?

The Bible is true because it gives you the experience it claims to provide. How does

this psalm describe the Word of God? How have you experienced these descriptions to be true in your life?

The Bible is true because it is the one book that dares to predict the future. Why is Bible prophecy so important? How does it compare to other religions?

The Word of God gives us incredible wisdom (v.7). How does the wisdom of the Word compare to the wisdom of the world? In what way do you need God's wisdom in this season of your life?

The Word of God is right (v.8)—it has set the right path for us to follow. Pastor Greg encouraged us to ask these questions when studying the Bible: "Is there any sin for me to avoid? Is there any promise for me to claim? Is there any victory to gain? Is there any blessing to enjoy?" What are the benefits of obeying God's Word? What may happen if God's Word is disobeyed or disregarded?

Keeping the Word of God makes you happy (v.8). How is this experience different from someone who says the Bible is just a bunch of rules and regulations? How has God's Word made you happy?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Pastor Greg said that all the authors of the Bible write about one theme: God's redemption of mankind (2 Peter 1:20-21). How would you briefly summarize the entire Bible? What is its primary purpose?

Pastor Greg asked, "What if you disagree with what the Bible says? Answer: Change your opinion because you are wrong, and the Bible is right (Romans 9:20)." As you've put your trust in God's Word, is there anything that you now know to be true that you previously disagreed with? How did that change?

Hungry Christians are healthy Christians. What are some signs of having a spiritual hunger and appetite for the Word of God (see 1 Peter 2:2)? How is this seen in your life?

PRAYER

Thank God for His perfect and true Word. Give Him praise as the God who has spoken and has made Himself known. Ask for insight as you hear the Word of God and empowerment as you live the Word of God. Pray for spiritual growth as you read, study, memorize, and obey God's Word.