

- **UNIQUELY PROVEN**

- **UNIQUELY PERFECT**

- **UNIQUELY PURPOSED**

- **UNIQUELY POWERFUL**

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 ESV

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

MY RESPONSE:

Next Week:

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CURRENT ISSUES?

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CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE TO BE RELIABLE?

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God — “Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

THE BIBLE IS...

- **UNIQUELY POPULAR**

- **UNIQUELY PUT TOGETHER**

- **UNIQUELY PRESERVED**

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8 ESV



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to explore whether or not we can trust the Bible to be reliable.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly check in with one another. How are you doing?

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: How do you determine whether or not someone is a reliable source of information? In what areas or vocations is one's reliability especially important?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. In Sunday's message, Pastor John shared with us regarding the reliability of Scripture. What in particular stood out to you in his message?
2. Read John 1:1 and 1 John 1:1-4. What similarities do you see between the two passages? Who was John? What credentials does he have in writing this epistle? What specifically is he referring to in 1 John 1:1-4?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12 and Isaiah 53:1-12. The Book of Isaiah was written over 700 years before Christ's birth. What specifically does the passage of Isaiah tell us about the coming Messiah? How does this relate to 1 Peter 1:10-12? Can you think of other passages that depict a coming Messiah?

4. Read Matthew 17:1-5 and 2 Peter 1:16-21. To what does Peter attribute his authority? What does this passage teach us about prophecy? According to this passage, what should our reaction be to prophecy?
5. Read Acts 2:14-39. In this passage, Peter quotes from Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11 and Psalm 110:1. What does his use of the Old Testament have to teach us about the reliability of Scripture and our faith?

BLESS others:

Read Romans 10:17. What does this verse say about the connection between faith and hearing God's Word? How do you see God's Word grow your faith?

BUILD God's Kingdom:

Read Psalm 19:7-13. What benefits are there in trusting the reliability of God's Word? How can you better apply God's truth to your life? What promise from this passage would you like to particularly lay hold of?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

How can you grow your understanding and practice of God's Word this week? What's a next step for you?

PRAYER: What is a challenge you are facing this week? How can we pray and support you?

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