



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: The Bible Told Me So
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Opening Questions:

- What context or place in your life are you the most uncomfortable? Why do we often feel stuck in those places? Like we can't do anything about them?
- Have you ever felt stuck or uncomfortable in your understanding of God? Do you find some of the stories in the Bible unsettling? Do you ever wonder how you can trust Jesus if it requires you to believe that everything in the Bible is true?

Looking at Scripture:

- What role does the Bible play in your faith? If you read it, why do you read it? What does it contribute to your relationship with God?
- If you're a Christ-follower, why do you believe that Jesus died for your sins and was raised from the dead? How do you think the basis of your faith influences the way you view God?
- Read **Luke 1:1-4...** We know Luke was a physician and he says he conducted a thorough investigation of the stories that were being told about Jesus; and he says he talked with eyewitnesses to the events. What does knowing this level of focus and intention is present in the New Testament, do for your ability to believe it?
- Read **Luke 3:1-2...** Josh said this level of detail is risky if you're lying. Do you agree with that? Why or why not? What might have made Luke so confident in his writing?
- Read **2 Peter 1:16...** Peter says he saw all of what happened with his own eyes. And we know that later he died because he refused to say it was a lie. What does that say to you about what he professed to be true? Would you die for a lie?
- Given the fact that there were more than 300 years between the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the Bible becoming what it is...is your faith strengthened or weakened knowing Christianity still spread? How so? Would letters and written documentation about an event that happened, and is backed by eyewitness accounts, be enough for you? Is it enough for you now?

Application Questions:

- Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus loves you? Why or why not?
- What can you do this week to explore how your approach to faith might change if it's true that Christianity doesn't exist because of the Bible, but that it's the other way around? How can this group support you?

End your time together asking God to give assurance and peace about His Word. Ask Him to help you read it afresh as an eyewitness account to something that happened. Ask Him to give you renewed passion for getting to know Him and His story more deeply.