



# HTC SMALL GROUP

## Discussion Questions

**Sermon Title:** Why We Can Trust the Bible

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

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### The Bible Was Inspired by God

What do you think it means when the Biblical authors were inspired by God? Look at the following verses and summarize what God's inspiration applies to: (2 Tim 3:16a; Jer 1:9; Matt 5:18; Matt 22:31-32; 2 Peter 1:21).

### The Bible Anchors Us

Paul uses explicit terms to describe what the last days will entail (2 Tim 3:1-13). What ungodly characteristics will be evident as humanity's character continues to digress on a downward spiral? List them all. In light of culture turning further from absolutes, what does Paul encourage Timothy to anchor on (2 Tim 3:14-17)?

### The Bible Teaches Us

Paul states in 2 Tim 3:16-17 that "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for the following (describe the purpose of each one in your own words):

- *Doctrine*: It teaches us what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Rebuking*: It teaches us what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Correcting*: It teaches how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Training*: It teaches us how to \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the goal (v.17)? \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Bible Gives Hope

We find hope through learning about God, His ways, and His plans for our lives. When we discover the goodness and promises of God, we recognize there is more to this life than merely existing and that there is life beyond the present. Read Romans 15:4. Share a time when you took to the Scriptures and found hope.

### The Bible Is to be Read and Studied

For the Christ follower, the Bible is seen more than just acquiring knowledge - it also serves as a means of daily nourishment. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4). Would you say that God's Word is a real priority in your life? What changes can you make in your life so that you can rightly partake of God's Word?

### The Bible Is Trustworthy Based On Its Internal Evidence

The *continuity* of the Bible stands as an argument toward its credibility. Consider this, the Bible was written over 1600 years, over 60 generations, by more than 40 authors, on three different continents, in different circumstances and places, in different times, different moods, in three languages, concerning scores of controversial subjects, but it speaks with one united voice.

How does its *self-proclamation* make the Bible credible?

How does *Jesus* make the Bible credible?

How do the *Apostles/eye-witnesses* make the Bible credible?

### The Bible Is Trustworthy Based On Its External Evidence

How does *archeology* make the Bible credible?

How does *prophecy* make the Bible credible?

How does its *influence* in people make the Bible credible?

How does its *preservation/survival* make the Bible credible?