

Asking for a Friend: Can I trust the Bible?

May 3, 2026 Discussion Guide

Psalm 119:9-16, John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work Review: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:18-20

*Did you have any mission opportunities this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How well do you think you could defend challenges in regards to the reliability of the Bible?

READ and ASK: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Peter 3:15-16; John 14:26; Psalm 19:7-10, 119:9-16; Hebrews 4:12

- What evidence for the reliability of scripture do you find most helpful and encouraging? Why?
- How do each of the above texts speak to the inspiration and reliability of the Bible?
- Why do you think it is necessary to have both internal evidence (what the Bible claims of itself) and external evidence (evidence outside the Bible) for the reliability of the Bible?
- What does 2 Timothy 3 say the Bible is useful for?
 - o How do you use the Bible for this purpose?

APPLY:

- On a scale from 1-10 how confident do you feel in your faith as it relates to trusting the Bible?
 - o Depending on your answer, what steps can you make towards being better grounded in this area?
- Have you ever felt like the Bible was doing surgery on your soul? (Hebrews 4:12)
- How would you respond to someone who suggests that the Bible is not historically reliable? What evidence for its credibility can you offer?
- NEXT STEP: In what way can you better rely and submit to God's Word this week?

Memory Work: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 2:37-39; Colossians 2:9-12; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Galatians 5:16-26