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MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 7 – THE BIBLE IS NOT THE WORD OF GOD

YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID:

- The Bible is full of _____.
- The Bible is a _____ written by _____. (2 Peter 1:21)
- The Bible basically says the same things _____. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- The Bible is _____ and _____.

WE NEED TO HEAR WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT THE BIBLE

- Jesus referenced all _____ of the Bible. (Luke 24:27)
- Jesus affirmed _____ dealt with in the Bible. (Matthew 19:3-6)
- Jesus quoted the Bible _____ (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10)
- Jesus read from the Bible _____. (Luke 4:16-21)

Jesus is our ultimate apologetic for the authority of the Bible.

What do you say about the Bible by how you use it?

What the Bible is to us.

Matthew 7:24-27

- Comprehension
- Application
- Confirmation

Your next step.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Which objection to the authority of the Bible that were identified in the message do you encounter most? How do the Bible passages covered help you answer that objection?
2. Most people you encounter have never actually read the Bible and their perceptions are based on the negative things they have heard from others or seen portrayed in the media. What can we do to help people better understand what the Bible actually says?
3. Why do most people seem to believe that the Bible is just an irrelevant list of dos and don'ts? How can we help change that perception?
4. How is Jesus our ultimate apologetic for the authority of the Bible? Is this circular reasoning? Does that negate our embracing of the Bible?
5. Surveys indicate as high as 90% of Christians only open their Bibles on Sunday. Why is this the case?
6. The Bible gives us various metaphors for itself. i.e. bread, light, etc. How many can you think of? If this is what the Bible is, why do we still do so much of life without reading it?
7. Read Matthew 7:24-27. What must we do to make sure the life we are building is founded on the rock of God's word? Do we really believe that if we are not in God's word regularly, applying its truths to every aspect of our lives that we face devastating loss?
8. What challenges do you face in spending consistent time reading and applying God's word?
9. What does God typically have to do to get us to spend more time in his word? Would it be preferable to avoid God's forceful action in our lives?