



I'VE GOT QUESTIONS

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 5 – WHY DOES THE BIBLE MATTER?

BIG IDEA:

If the Bible is the _____ word of God, then it must be _____,
_____, and _____ regarding matters of
life, faith, and salvation

IMPLICATIONS OF THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WORD

- The Bible uniquely teaches that God relates to man by _____
_____ through _____

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

- The _____ of the Bible reflects the _____ of
the One who _____ it

¹⁹God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

– Numbers 23:19 (NIV)

¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

– John 17:17 (NIV)

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time

– Titus 1:1-2 (NIV)

- **The Bible is authoritative because it contains God's revealed _____, _____, and _____ for His people**

¹²I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.

– John 16:12-13 (NIV)

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

– 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

– 2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)

- **The Bible is _____ as the _____ by which Christians should _____ God's will for life and godliness**

¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

– 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How has the Bible made a difference in your life?
2. What are some of the ways that the Bible is unique when compared to other religious texts?
3. Why is the character of God important to believing that the Bible is a source of truth?
4. In what way is the Bible authoritative? Where does its authority come from?
5. How can the Scriptures serve as a standard in the life of a believer?
6. Why can't the word of God be understood apart from the Spirit of God?
7. What is the primary purpose of the Bible?
8. How can this truth help you understand its importance to your life?