

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide
Tough Questions – Week One: Can I Trust the Bible?
Teaching by Pastor Ken

WARM-UP QUESTION

What is something you once believed to be true but later discovered was not? What changed your mind?

DISCUSS

1. What Do You Base Your Life On?

Pastor Ken challenged us with a simple but important question: Do you believe everything you hear? Most people would say no, yet everyone builds their life on something they believe to be true.

Our beliefs shape how we think, decide, and live. Whether it is culture, media, personal experience, or faith, everyone is trusting something.

- Why is it important to test and verify what we believe instead of blindly accepting it?
 - What are some common sources people trust today when forming their beliefs?
 - How does what you believe influence your everyday decisions and direction in life?
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1. Understanding the Bible and Its Uniqueness

The Bible stands apart from any other book in history. It was written over 1,500 years by 40 different authors across 3 continents and in 3 languages, yet it tells one unified story centered on Jesus.

The Old Testament points forward to a coming Savior, while the New Testament reveals Jesus and the birth of the Church.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17.

- What stands out to you about how Scripture is described in this passage?
 - Why does it matter that the Bible is not just informative but also corrective and transformative?
 - How does seeing the Bible as one unified story strengthen your trust in it?
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1. Can We Trust Its Accuracy?

Pastor Ken explained that while the original manuscripts no longer exist, we have

thousands of early copies that show remarkable consistency.

Compared to other ancient works, the New Testament has far more copies and a much smaller gap between the events and their writing. It is over 99 percent accurate to the original writings, with no changes that affect core beliefs.

- Why do you think the number of copies and time gap matter when evaluating reliability?
 - Does this information increase your confidence in the Bible? Why or why not?
 - What questions or doubts do you still have about the Bible's accuracy?
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1. Evidence Through History and Prophecy

The Bible is supported by both archaeology and fulfilled prophecy. Thousands of archaeological discoveries confirm people, places, and events recorded in Scripture.

In addition, the Old Testament contains hundreds of specific prophecies about Jesus that were fulfilled in detail.

Read 2 Peter 1:19–21.

- Why is fulfilled prophecy such strong evidence for the reliability of Scripture?
 - What do you find most compelling: historical evidence, prophecy, or something else? Why?
 - How does this kind of evidence move faith beyond blind belief?
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1. From Information to Transformation

Pastor Ken emphasized that trusting the Bible is not just about information but about transformation. There is a difference between believing something is true and actually living it out.

Read John 8:30–32.

- What does Jesus say is the evidence of a true disciple?
 - What is the difference between believing in Jesus and remaining faithful to His teachings?
 - How have you seen God's Word bring real change in someone's life, including your own?
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CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement best reflects where you are right now?

- I need to explore whether I truly trust the Bible and what it says about Jesus.

- I believe the Bible is true, but I need to engage with it more consistently.
 - I need to move from knowing Scripture to actually living it out.
 - I am ready to take the next step in my faith journey and trust God more deeply.
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PRAYER

Thank God for revealing Himself through His Word. Ask Him to build your trust in the truth of Scripture and give you a desire to know it more deeply. Pray for the courage to not only believe what is true but to live it out daily. Ask God to transform your heart, guide your next step, and help you grow in a real and active relationship with Jesus.