

PROCESSING DOUBT

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YOUR TRUTH? MY TRUTH?

THE TRUTH.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

TAKE-AWAYS

- What we should believe:
 - About the Bible: (2 Timothy 3:16-17) I believe the Bible is God's Word. It is true and authoritative and I am committed to living according to its principles and commands.
- What we should become:
 - Identity: (John 1:12) I have worth and value because I am made in God's image and am His child. As His child, I live my life to bring glory to God and to serve His purposes.
- How we should behave:
 - I study God's Word: (2 Timothy 2:15) I consistently study the Bible

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to know God, the truth and find direction for my daily life.

INTRO QUESTIONS

- Have you ever had someone tell you that the Bible is full of contradictions? Why should we trust the Bible?
- What is exegesis? What is eisegesis? Which should we use when studying the Bible?

WHERE DO WE FIND TRUTH?

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- How does this passage help answer the objection that the Bible is just written by fallible men?

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- What is the purpose of scripture?
 - How do we allow scripture to fulfill it's purpose in our lives?
- What should be the result of feasting on the Word of God?

Psalm 19:7–9

The instruction of the Lord is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of the Lord are right, making the heart glad; the command of the Lord is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous.

Psalm 119:160

The entirety of your word is truth, each of your righteous judgments endures forever.

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Proverbs 30:5–6

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Don't add to his words, or he will rebuke you, and you will be proved a liar.

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.

James 1:22

But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

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- After reading these passages, what does the Bible tell us about itself?
- How can we develop the faith to believe that what the Bible tells us is truth?

BUT WHY TRUST THE BIBLE?

When you doubting the veracity of the Bible, looking at the what the Bible says about itself may not be enough. [Click here to read Kenneth Boa's article "How Accurate is the Bible?"](#).

NEXT STEPS

- Looking for more? Check out [gotquestions.org](#) ([Here is a great article on how the Bible was put together](#)).
- A Doubter's Guide to the Bible.
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- Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Psalm 119:11.
- Commit to feast on the Word! One of the best ways to strengthen and grow your faith is by faithfully reading the Bible!
 - Create your own plan for daily Bible reading and implement it.
- Join the Celebration family and read through the book of Luke during the Processing Doubt series (<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/87>)
 - Search the YouVersion Bible App for a “Through the Bible” reading plan and commit now to read through the entire Bible.