

## **April 21, 2024 - Doubt & Deconstruction - How to Trust the Bible (pt. 2)**

Feel free to **PICK AND CHOOSE** some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

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### **Connect:**

How many times a day do you think that you Google or search the internet for an answer for something? Are you one of those people that wants to know everything about everything?

Last week, we asked the questions

- "Do we have the right books?"
- "Do we have the right words?"
- "Is it true?"

Have you had any more thoughts about these questions since we met together last week?

### **Engage:**

#### **Read 2 Timothy 3:13-17**

How do these verses answer the questions that people are asking about the necessity and usefulness of the Bible?

Which of these applications of the Bible has been the most fruitful in your life?

Robert outlined "4 Reasons Why We Can Trust the Bible."

1. Archaeology
2. Prophecy
3. Science
4. Eyewitnesses

Which of these reasons gives you the most confidence?

Robert introduced some concepts around "Textual Criticism" and its applications to how we get and study our Bible.

How does the number of manuscripts *and* the date of the copies from their original writing encourage you to trust the Bible?

In what ways have you seen the Bible inspired by God and inspiring for your life?

How have you wrestled with translation, grammatical errors, and scribal errors as you seek to trust the Bible?

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

What hope do you gain from this passage?

### **Apply:**

Studies show that people who engage with the Bible 5 days a week develop a reduced likelihood to engage in activities like drunkenness, loneliness, pornography usage, and gambling. It also results in an increase in self-esteem and a willingness to forgive.

Robert asked us to consider our own Bible engagement.

What's your relationship with Bible reading, communing with God, and "letting the Bible come out of you?"

What are you doing and what steps do you need to take in these areas?

**Top 3:**

**Family Bingo: Thursday, April 25, 5:30 PM - 7 PM**

Join us for a night of fun and bingo with our F/C kids and parents! No sign-up required.

**Pick-Up Pickleball: Sunday, April 28, 3 - 5 PM**

Join us for an afternoon of Pickleball in our Community Center's Gym. Experts and beginners alike are invited to come play with us!

**Low Country Boil: Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Join us on the F/C front lawn for an evening of pinching tails, community fun, and raising money for our summer mission trips. The cost is \$15 for crawfish, corn, and potatoes and \$7 for chicken tenders and chips. At the event, each mission trip team will have ways for you to support and encourage them as they prepare for their trip. For details and tickets, sign up at [fondrenchurch.com/events](http://fondrenchurch.com/events).

**Recommended Resources:**

Core 52 - Mark Moore | [core52.org](http://core52.org)

A Bible reading plan that you read 5 times a week for 15 minutes a day.