

## **April 14, 2024 - Doubt & Deconstruction - Week 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:**

When was the last time you said “you have to see it to believe it?”  
What evidence is required for you to “believe” something?

### **Engage:**

What causes faith to grow? What do you believe is required for YOUR faith to grow?  
How does struggling through the different types of doubt that Robert began his sermon with: moral doubt, intellectual doubt, and psychological doubt increase your faith? When is the last time you have experienced one of these types of doubts?

**READ 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22:** What “tests” do you utilize to determine whether something is “good” or not?

Robert shared that it’s possible to have no doubts and NOT have saving faith (James 2:19), and it’s possible for someone to experience doubts at the cognitive level and still have saving faith (Mark 9:24). When are you tempted to live by your fickle feelings over the authority of truth?

**READ 2 Timothy 3:7:** How do you see this playing out in our world today? How does this play out in your life?

Robert shared that the Bible is historically accurate, written by eyewitnesses or their appointees within living memory of Jesus, and that the authors were not those with political power, but were writing upon pain of persecution and death. Which of these facts encourages your faith and trust in the scriptures the most: historical accuracy, timeline of the text, or who the authors are? Why?

**READ Luke 24:27:** Jesus himself trusted in the accuracy and authority of the Old Testament scriptures. How does His example in this encourage you in being able to trust the authority of ALL scripture?

**READ Psalm 119:160, 2 Timothy 3:16, and 2 Peter 1:21:** How do these verses encourage you in the authority of the scriptures?

### **Apply:**

This week how can you develop your faith through trusting in the authority of the Word? What disciplines can you step up or begin to establish that will allow you to lean more on the living Word of scripture? Many believers struggle with the authority and inerrancy of scripture. Accepting the Bible’s inerrancy means that we have to submit to it. Without Christ and surrendering to His will and His Word in our lives, we can/will continue to look for errors or contradictions because then we feel we have fair justification to overlook the parts we don’t like or don’t agree with. What do you feel your next step is in moving towards the scripture’s authority in your life?

### **Top 3:**

#### **Secret Church: Friday, April 19, 6 PM - MIDNIGHT**

Join us as we study the book of Ruth. Through our ministry partnership with URGENT, we are able to provide this opportunity for free. Each participant will receive a book that will be used as a guide and resource for this experience. In order to make this experience the best it can be, we need to know that you are coming. Sign up at [fondrenchurch.com/events](http://fondrenchurch.com/events).

#### **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.

#### **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:**

**American Grace** by Robert Putnam

**Dominion** by Tom Holland

**The Righteous Mind** by Jonathan Haidt