



REFLECT:
(20 minutes minimum)

10. The thing that has troubled me most about the Bible is...

- The lack of the autographs
- The miracles are hard to believe
- Scientific evidence against the Biblical accounts
- "Contradictions" in the Bible
- The violence of the Old Testament
- Other _____

11. If you were not a believer, which arguments would be most likely to persuade you that the Bible is the Word of God?

12. If you were talking with someone who was not raised in a "Christian" environment of any sort and knew little or nothing about the Bible, how would you begin to help them understand that the Bible is God's Word?

13. Talking about the Bible is one thing; reading and studying it regularly is another. What can we do as a group or individually to be more regular in our study of God's word?



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Non-Negotiables #4

THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

These guides usually have more material than a Life Group will be able to address in the allotted time. Any questions you don't have time to cover in your group can be used in your personal study this week.

OPEN: 
(2 minutes)

1. What version was the first Bible you can remember owning? What version do you use the most now?

2. My best subject in school, not including recess, was...





**Read 2 Peter 1:20-21;
2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12**

3. When we say the Bible is inspired, I understand that to mean...
4. **How can we see each writer's background, experience, education, etc., being used by God in the writing of the Bible?**
5. How has God protected and preserved his word through the ages? Why do people accept, with less evidence, that the works of Plato or Homer are accurately preserved but not the Bible?
6. Does the fact that we don't have any of the "autographs" (the actual, original document written by the author's themselves) lessen the trustworthiness of the Bible? Why or why not?
7. What does it mean that God's word is living? Active? That it penetrates? (Heb. 4:12)
8. How does the fact that the Bible is not merely "ink on the page" but is "living and active" (Heb. 4:12) help explain the impact of the Bible on the lives of people?
9. **If we conclude that parts of the Bible (the creation account, the miracles, etc.) are not trustworthy, what are the implications/consequences with regard to other parts of the Bible? Can you just pick and choose the parts of the Bible you want to believe?**

The most serious Bible study question that you can ask of any text:

If I take this text seriously, what must I change about me?