

Reliability of the Bible

Week 02 | Discussion Guide



Thank you for taking the time to enter the discussion about the reliability of the Bible. Seems like everywhere one turns, this sacred book, which has guided millions for centuries, is being relegated to man's opinion rather than God's actual word given through human beings. For the older population of our church, this struggle is somewhat awkward. We just know that the Bible is God's word. We don't doubt that. We simply build our lives around the truths. We never really built an apologetic around this fact. We were already convinced.

For the younger generation coming up, there is a litany of questions that seem to be taking root and causing doubt on whether one should build their lives around the precious words of the Scriptures. Other gospels were written in the early centuries. Why don't we accept those as Scripture? Who decided which books were in and which were out? These are questions that really do need answers. So let's address them.

QUESTIONS for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Why were some gospels banned from the Bible
2. What were the three criteria given by Preston why some books were in and some were out?
3. What does 1 Thessalonians 2:13 and 2 Peter 3:15-16 say about the writings of the Apostle Paul?
4. Why don't we accept the Shepherd of Hermes, the Apocalypse of Peter, or the Didache as part of Scripture?
5. Why do we do with the Apocryphal books written in the intertestamental period?

