



MAIN SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. OBSERVE

# MAIN POINT:

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3. INTERPRET

## JESUS CONNECTION:

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The Bible

Underline it

1. READ Yessss! We are glad you are here because taking time on your own to study God's word is an amazing way to grow in your relationship with Him. Life with Jesus is the best life! Take a moment to pray and ask God to lead you as you study this Scripture; then read the Scripture (from your Bible or it's on the back).

# The Straight Facts What Does the Text Mean? Research answers using trusted sources Who: \_\_\_\_\_ like a Study Bible, BibleProject.com, BlueLetterBible.org, and/or Bible.org What is the historical and/or cultural What: \_\_\_\_\_\_ context of this Scripture? Where: \_\_\_\_\_ What else do I know about the author, audience, or context of this passage? Why: \_\_\_\_\_ What do key words mean in their original language? How: \_\_\_\_\_ What other Scripture might help me interpret this text? What is Repetitive? Highlight it What is this text's clearest meaning? What is Contrast?

# 4. APPLY **Getting Personal**

	you relate to any of the ers, events, or words in this re?
	ruth(s) from this Scripture a apply to your life right
What is this Scr	God saying to you through ipture?

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#### **MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

— WEEK 2 —

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# THIS GUIDE IS A HYBRID FORMAT WITH PARTIAL LIVE TEACHING AND A 3 MINUTE VIDEO.

#### INTRODUCTION:

- Series Overview: We've all had questions about life and God: Is there a God? How can we know Him? Why does God allow pain and suffering? The answers to these questions really drive the purpose and direction of our lives, yet sometimes it's hard to know how to get these answers. Don't be intimidated if you don't have the answers - that's what we want to explore together!
- Tonight's question is a controversial one: "Is The Bible Legit?"
- First I'm going to share a few points, then we are going to watch a short video that speaks to the final point. Before we talk through it, I just want to say that there might be some of us who will disagree with others and that is fine. We want this to be an honest, safe space for each of us to be real and expression our opinions. I'm going to start by sharing a few points we believe here at Hope.

#### POINT 1: THE BIBLE IS TRUTH, ABSOLUTE TRUTH.

- How do we know what is true? What is right? People may disagree on this but everyone has something they see as a source of truth.
- Absolute truth is something that is true at all times and in all places. It is something that is always true no matter what the circumstances. It is a fact that cannot be changed. For example, there are no round squares.
- We live in the "data age" meaning more data is at the access of our fingertips via the internet than any generation before. But "data" isn't the same as wisdom. Just because it is on the internet doesn't mean it's true.
- But what if it's a top article on a Google Search, a top video on YouTube, or a popular opinion among most people in your school – does that make it true?
- While a top search may be more reliable, it can still be wrong.
   Popular opinion can change (haven't we seen that changing so much just in the last year?)
- As Christians, we believe the ultimate source of truth is God's Word. People can be flawed – but God's word is our source of truth. We believe every word written down is inspired by God. That leads us to point 2:

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# POINT 2: THE BIBLE IS INERRANT. **NOTES** Inerrant means incapable of being wrong. There actually is a lot of evidence outside the Bible supporting the Bible. Let's look at some fulfilled prophecies – a prophecy is something told before it happens. One example: have you ever heard of Alexander the Great? He was a great conqueror who came up with one of the craziest and most daring plans in the history of warfare to capture a city called New Tyre. This plan is in a bunch of history books. He also was known for hating God – yet unknowningly to him – he fulfilled a two hundred and fifty year old prophecy written in the Book of Ezekiel when he conquered Tyre. For 250 years non-believers could taint people of God saving – look! This prophecy has never happened! And now we can read it in our history books. Or how about the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled? In the Old Testament there are 44 major prophecies with 352 specific details about the Messiah. Jesus fulfilled EVERY ONE OF THEM. That would be like someone guessing 44 future years of Superbowl winners in a row and getting 352 specific details about the games right. The odds of this randomly happening are one in one hundred million billion. That is a landslide of evidence for both the Bible AND Jesus. POINT 3: THE BIBLE IS TRUSTWORTHY ENOUGH TO FOLLOW WITH OUR LIVES. READ 2 Timothy 3:16-17. I hope you can see you can trust the EVERYTHING in the Bible, but we may have different opinions. And probably a pretty big objection may be rolling around in some of your minds: But isn't the Bible Offensive? Let's watch this short video on that. WATCH THE VIDEO - ISN'T THE BIBLE OFFENSIVE? (3 MIN) WRAP IT UP Our main point today is: We can trust the Bible is the most legit source of truth ever. Here at Hope we believe: Jesus and the Bible are worthy of our trust. We believe the Bible is the true, inerrant word of God. We believe the Bible is trustworthy enough to follow with our lives. But we want to talk about this more, so I'm going to pray for us and we are going to transition into small group discussion time. Close in prayer: God, please be with us as we talk about and wrestle with tough and controversial questions. We love you, thank you for loving us and being with us. Amen.





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#### **LEADER CORNER**

#### **GOAL OF SMALL GROUP**

For students to have a safe space to talk about if they believe the Bible is true and hear what we as a Hope Community Church believe.

# **THINGS TO KNOW**

There will never be enough time or right answers you can give to "convince" anyone anything. This series isn't about arguing with students until they agree with us, it's about giving them a safe place to have these conversations and hear Biblical wisdom.

Here are a few extra places you can point your students to in their search for answers:

- ExploreGod.com, where the videos we are watching are from, has TONS more.
- "Why I Believe" by Dr. Kennedy
- "The Case for Faith: Student Edition" by Lee Strobel

#### **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

#### **CONVERSATION GUIDE**

#### **GET THEM TALKING**

What are different things you've heard about whether the Bible is true or not?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What did you connect with in the video about the Bible being offensive?
- 2. Do you think it's possible that a book could be inspired by God? Why or why not?
- 3. Do you feel you can trust the Bible as the ultimate source of truth? Why or why not?
- 4. If not, what is holding you back from trusting?

## **READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 and answer the following questions:**

- 5. In your own words, what is this verse saying?
- 6. Do you believe that ALL Scripture is inspired by God and true? If not, what parts do you struggle with?
- 7. What insights from today (or other ones you've heard) can people hold onto as they wrestle with whether or not they believe the Bible is legit trustworthy?
- 8. How can we be there for others in our lives who wrestle with this question?

#### **NEXT STEP**

We might be in different places on our beliefs about the Bible, but we can all take a next step closer to Jesus this week.

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ALL SCRIPTURE IS TRUE – take time on your own this week to PRAY, to SEARCH, to LOOK FOR ANSWERS.

IF YOU ALREADY BELIEVE ALL SCRIPTURE IS TRUE – try praying for someone in your life who doesn't. And as a double dog dare challenge – try memorizing today's Scripture! Maybe that's something your group can do together?

#### **PRAYER GUIDE**

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

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#### **BONUS LEADER RESOURCE**

#### **WEEKLY TEXT IDEA:**

Hey guys! We are going to be talking this week about whether the Bible is legit – and is it offensive? It's sure to be a lively conversation, hope to see you at Small Group this week and hear your thoughts!

#### **WEEKLY TIP:**

What is your personal answer for why YOU believe the Bible is true?

SHARE THAT with your students.

True discipleship comes through relationships – be real with your group!

Remember, it's not about having all the facts or answers but pointing others to the One who does.