

September 2019 Large Group Teaching: Why Can I Trust the Bible?

High School: September 18

Middle School: September 25

This month in large group, we talked about how we can trust that the Bible is true. We looked at two main reasons people give for why they believe the Bible, and then discussed why these answers fall short...

I believe the Bible because:

1. "That's the way I was raised."
 - Just because someone is taught something as a child, doesn't make it fact (i.e., bubble gum staying in your stomach for 7 years)
 - We all are taught different things, so how do we know which one is true?
2. "I tried it, and it worked for me."
 - Many people's lives have changed for a variety of different reasons
 - This basically says that all religions are true if they work for you, which is false.

So, what's the correct answer? Voddie Baucham says it this way: *I choose to believe the Bible because it's a reliable collection of historical documents written by eye witnesses during the lifetime of other eye witnesses; therefore, it's supernatural events that took place in the fulfillment of specific prophecies and claimed that their writings are divine, rather than human, in origin.*

This answer is based on 2 Peter 1:16-21. Pastor JR broke down this scripture for our students and gave them time to discuss this in their small groups.

For a more detailed account of Voddie's teaching on this topic, please check out his message on "Why I Chose to Believe the Bible:" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbkqLKqTEp8>

Questions for further discussion at home:

- Do you believe the Bible? Why or Why Not?
- Has this teaching changed your perspective at all?
- If we believe that all Scripture is truth, what implications does that have on your life?
- Do you feel you could defend your faith at school? Why or Why Not?
- What questions do you still have about the Bible?

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in shepherding your child's heart! If you as a parent ever have questions or concerns regarding any of our teachings/lessons, please call the office at (920) 694-1552. We would love to connect with you.

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