



STUDY GUIDE

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Missions Prayer Focus this week:
Mexico Mission Team, serving April 4-14

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What did you do for Easter? What were some of your highlights?

We are in the second week of our “Big Questions” series where we are tackling some of the biggest questions faced by Christians. What are some of the biggest questions you hear from people who do not know Jesus?

Growing up, how would you characterize your view of the Bible? Did you think it was a book of fantasy stories or a history book about Israel or a confusing mishmash of rules and regulations? Or did you think about the Bible at all?

What would you say is the most challenging thing for you to believe about the Bible?

[digging deeper]

This week Pastor Chad provided a great acronym for why we can trust the Bible. It is S.H.A.P.E and stands for Supernatural, Historical, Archeological, Prophetic, and Eye Witness evidence.

Why is it so vital that the Bible is factually accurate?

Read 2 Peter 3:14-16. Peter calls Paul’s writings “Scripture.” Why is this significant?

Peter call’s Paul’s writings “hard to understand.” How is this encouraging?

Read 2 Peter 1:19-21. Prophecy is one of the ways to disprove a writing that claims to be from God. What does Peter say about prophecy? How does this relate to other religious books that are not the Bible?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. This passage tells us 3 things. First, the Bible is “inspired,” meaning that it was “breathed out” by God. It is God’s work. Second, the Bible should be used as a tool in “teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” Third, the purpose of the Bible is to make people “complete, equipped for every good work.” How do you think these three aspects relate to one another? Is there one of these aspects that we tend to minimize or forget?

Read Matthew 5:18; John 10:35; John 5:39; Luke 24:27, 45-47. What did Jesus believe about the Bible? What did Jesus believe about how the Bible related to himself?

Why is it important for our spiritual lives to read the Bible? Why not just pray?

[living it out]

What are some Bible reading or studying practices that have been most helpful for you?

If the Bible is God's Word, then how does that change the way we go about making decisions in our lives? Change the way we behave? How we think about the lost or about God's involvement in our lives?

[end with prayer]

Spend some time in prayer praying from Psalm 119:1-16. Read through the passage once, then each person read one verse and offer a very short prayer based on the verse. Do that until all the verse have been read/prayed.