



On this six-week journey we will explore the answers to some of life's most difficult questions. Even though we will still be left with questions in the end, as we pursue God, He will reveal Himself to us in many ways. Whether you're a deeply committed follower of Christ or someone just beginning a spiritual journey, this series will help you explore the answers to the questions you're asking or being asked by others.

Today we are going to focus on the question "Why should I trust the Bible?"

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ITSELF?

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

The writers were controlled by God.

Inspired means--God breathed

Moved means-- Motivated, guided, and inspired by

Its claims are sensible, moral and universal.

CAN ITS CLAIMS BE DEFENDED?

Ancient manuscripts

We have more and older manuscripts of the Biblical text than for any other 30 pieces of ancient documents *combined*.

Fulfilled prophecies

The Bible is the only religious document in existence today that provides more than 2000 prophecies, which can be historically verified.

Amazing Unity

The Bible was written by 35-40 men over a period of 1,600 years ... 3 different languages

There is no explanation for this other than its being divinely inspired.

WHAT IS THE CORE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE?

As you begin to discover the Bible you begin to see the thoughts, motives, and actions for all Humanity.

Creation: Made in God's image

Fall: Sin enters the world

Redemption: Life through Jesus

Restoration: Renew all things

Final Thoughts

The Bible is all about Jesus

John 5:39, Jesus said, "... these are the Scriptures that testify about me."

The Bible was written for us.

John 20:31, But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.