

Small-Group Notes - Week 4

Skeptic: The Bible

The Bible is different than any other book that has ever been written. It is a collection of 66 different books, written over 1,500 years, by over 40 different authors, in 3 different languages, and across 3 continents. Yet, the Bible is one continuous story of the creation, fall, and redemption of mankind and the common thread all the way through is the person of Jesus.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What is the best book you have ever read or the best movie you have ever watched? Why?
2. Open your group in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and insight.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WATCH THE VIDEO (4:36)

1. How has the Bible been useful to you in your life?
2. What hesitations do you think people have regarding the Bible?
3. Read **2 Peter 1:16-21** aloud as a group. Peter, a disciple of Jesus, wrote this book.
 - What difference does it make that he was a witness to what he wrote about?
 - What does this passage tell us about prophecy (which is the majority of what the Old Testament contains) and about Peter's own testimony?
4. Read **Hebrews 4:12-13** aloud as a group.
 - What can we learn about the Bible from this passage?
 - What do you think it means when the passage describes the Bible as being living and alive?
 - How have you seen this apply to your life?
5. How would you respond to a friend who questions the Bible's validity?
6. If the Bible truly is the Word of God and it is living and alive today, what are you going to do with it?

PRAYER:

Close your group in prayer. Take time to thank God for the Scriptures and God's work in our lives through the Bible. Ask Him to inspire us to spend more time studying and learning from the Bible.