

CONCEPTIONS

#2: The Bible is made up



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Sermon outline and notes

It is...

It is reliable because...

It is true because...

It is how the truth of God is passed on

2 Peter 1:12

It is written by actual people in history

2 Peter 1:16-18

It is one whole text that spotlights Jesus

2 Peter 1:19

It is inspired by God the Holy Spirit

2 Peter 1:20-21

It is written so that we would believe in Jesus

John 20:30-31

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Family / Community Group questions

Intro

- "How true/reliable is the Bible?"

Before listening to the sermon, how would you have answered this question?

How would the people you engage with most answer it (co-workers, friends, family)?

Discuss

- Think about the answers that came to mind for the intro question above (both how you would have answered it, and how the people you know might have answered it).
 - How can we show people that the Bible is true?
 - How can we show people that the Bible is reliable?
- Which of the things we have looked at from God's word (see 'sermon notes')...
 - do people find easiest to agree with?
 - do people struggle to agree with?

Engage

- The Bible is how we know the truth of God. It must be treated as a historical document and it urges us to listen & turn to Jesus. The Bible is ultimately God himself speaking to us, so that we would see and believe in Jesus and have eternal life in Him all.
 - how does this encourage you in reading the Bible yourself and with others?
 - how does this challenge you in reading the Bible yourself and with others?

Apply

- How has the Holy Spirit and the Word strengthened your understanding of the truth and reliability of the Bible?
- How has the Holy Spirit and the Word challenged your understanding of the truth and reliability of the Bible?
- When you find yourself speaking with someone who has the misconception that 'the Bible is made up' (or something similar), how might you be able to point them to the truth of the Bible and their need for Jesus and his Gospel?