



You Can Be Confident

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Bible Story?

This week, Pastor Jason talked about why we can be confident that the Bible is true. So often, we feel like we have to defend God or His word. Jason gave a cute example of how a one-year-old son defending his dad against another one-year-old is pretty silly, and that is how it is with us defending God. He can handle it. Jason summed that up with a quote:

“The Word of God is like a lion. You don’t have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself.” – Charles Spurgeon

Why can you have confidence in the Bible?

1. It is unique to all other books.

Discuss:

- What are some of the arguments you have heard to try to devalue/discredit the Bible?
- What are some of the facts that surprised you about the Bible? (Jason listed a bunch of them.)
 - 40 different authors
 - Written over 1600 years.
 - Written in 3 languages.
 - Written on 3 different continents

2. Proofs of early manuscripts.

Discuss:

- How do we know that the Bible hasn’t changed over the centuries?
- Had you heard the comparison to the Illiad before in regards to accuracy?

3. The mathematical probability of messianic prophecies fulfilled in Jesus.

Read Together: Luke 24:27 (NIV) & John 5:46 (NIV)

Discuss:

- Jesus told his followers that the prophecies were about Him. What would you have thought of His declaration?
- Jesus fulfilled 324 of the prophecies in his lifetime. When will the others be fulfilled?
- The mathematical probability of 8 messianic prophecies coming true in one person's lifetime is 1 in 1,000,000,000,000,000. That's 1 in 10 to the 17th power. I just wanted you to see all the zeros. 😊

4. The archaeological proofs. You would think with all of the people who wrote it, locations and languages...there would be errors.

Read Together: Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

Discuss:

- History has verified the word of God. Tell us one way you have heard that the Bible was proven accurate.
- Tell your group about your personal reaction to the Story Jason shared about Sir Ramsey who set out to debunk the bible using archeology and ended up becoming a believer.

Summary:

"The World wants to control the Narrative of the Church. Yet, the Church is controlled by the narrative of the Bible."

Discuss:

- What do you think of the statement above?
- What part of the Bible can we let control us this week?

Pray together:

Lord, your word endures forever. Teach us to love your word and to be confident that we can trust what you have written by your very breath! We believe! Please help our unbelief!

In Jesus' name, Amen!