**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of April 24, 2022

Is the Bible Reliable?
2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Prepare**

This week we're diving into Scripture and asking God to lead people to consider the Bible's reliability. The personal preparation time and discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

**Watch**Pastor Ben's sermon “*Is the Bible Reliable?”*noting anything memorable and impactful as you go.

**Read**2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 4:4, Psalm 19

**Pray:**Father, not everyone believes Your Word is reliable and sometimes those of us who do may still have questions. Help us see the reliability of Your Word and its value to our lives.

**Connect**

1. Share something about yourself which is hard to believe but is actually true.

2. What things do you use every day without having any idea how they actually work?

**Discussion**

Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time. You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

**1. Read Psalm 19:7a and 9b.**What claim does this make about the Bible?

a. If there exists incredible truth about your life and your world crucial to how you live, what does this mean for your life and what would you do about it?

**2. Read Psalm 19:7-8.**What claim does this make about the Bible?

a. When you counsel someone going through difficult or stressful times, where do you normally turn and what does this verse say about it?

b. Share stories of how the Bible helped you understand yourself better and brought healing.

**3. Read Psalm 19:8b**What claim does this make about the Bible?

a. How have you sensed God speaking to you lately? What has He told that you find most meaningful through Scripture?

b. It's been said the Bible is God's love letter to His people. How might this change the way you approach it?

**4. Read Psalm 19:8c-9a** What claim does this make about the Bible?

a. How has the Holy Spirit transformed you through Scripture?

b. How will you change your approach to Scripture as a result of seeing its reliability and value?

**5.** How has this sermon and discussion helped prepare you to encourage others to consider the reliability of the Bible?

**Closing Prayer**

This prayer section is a guide to help process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, then seek the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 will help others gain insight into God and themselves while also helping and encouraging growth.

 **Admire**: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it. **Possible response:**God, we praise You because You are always reliable, including every word in Your Word.

**Admit**: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God. **Possible response:**God, we confess we sometimes forget the value of Your Word in our lives and don't live as if it is reliable.

**Aspire**: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction? **Possible Response:**God help us love Your Word and guide others to consider its reliability.

**Ask**: Keep track of requests and celebrations from others in your G2 and pray for them.