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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 04.21.24 Pulpit Curriculum

## 10 Reasons You Can Trust Your Bible (Part II)

6) Jesus' Testimony – Jesus Christ Honors the Word of God: Jesus Christ testified to the credibility, truth and divine origin of the Bible.

- A) Divinely Inspired: If this book is of divine origin, it has far reaching consequences for us (Matt 22:31, 32; 43, 42).
- B) Without Error: The word is without error and the truth that sanctifies us (John 10:35, 17:17).
- C) The Final Authority (Matt 4:4, 7, 10) In the tempting of Satan, Jesus responds by reciting the Word of God, rebuking Satan with God's Word.
- D) Sufficient for Life and Faith (Luke 16:31) One of the errors of the "signs and wonders" movement is that even if someone rose from the dead the faithless generation would not believe.
- E) Historically Reliable: Jesus claims a literal Adam and Eve (Matt 19:4, 5); literal Noah, ark and world-wide flood (Matt 24:37); historical Abraham (Jn 8:56); destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Jn 7:19); and Law given by Moses (John 7:19).
- A. How does an enhanced trust/understanding in the divine authorship of the Bible change your thinking/interaction about the Bible? How should that change the way we live? \_\_\_\_\_

- B. If Jesus upholds the veracity of the Scriptures, what are some implications and/or applications to the above testimonies about the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

7) Prophecy – Impossibly accurate predictions (Isaiah 46:9-11): God's Word says there is no one like God who declares the end from the beginning - He will bring it to pass. There are over 2000 prophecies, with many being perfectly fulfilled already. In Ezekiel, the 6 distinct aspects of the prophetic destruction of Tyre have a 1:4,000,000 odds of happening. Over 330 prophecies alone regarding the Messiah fulfilled in Jesus Christ. God's track record for prophetic accuracy is at 100%.

- C. What does God demonstrate by declaring the end from the beginning and answering prophecy? \_\_\_\_\_



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D. In what ways does fulfilled and unfulfilled prophecy comfort and/or convict you? \_\_\_\_\_

8) Canonization – copied and chosen with extreme care (Jude 3): The scribes and early Christians took extreme care, considering that the Scriptures were divinely inspired. If one letter was off, they would burn the page out of honor to maintain the integrity of the original text. The Canon (standard of measure) means only certain books meet the high standard to be considered Scripture.

- A) Authority – “Voice” of Jesus (Mark 1:22)
- B) Authorship – Apostle or close associate
- C) Accuracy – Theological, historically accurate
- D) Alive (Heb 4:12)
- E) Acceptance (1 Thes 2:13)

E. How would you describe your relationship with the Bible? Do you take the idea of the Scriptures serious enough to die for them? \_\_\_\_\_

9) Archeology – historical proven track record: Every word of God is tested (Prov 30:5). No archeological discovery has ever disproved a biblical reference.

F. Do you come to the historical components of the Bible as a skeptic? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

G. Given the testing of God’s Word, how is doubting a condition of the heart? Prayerfully consider any doubts you may have. \_\_\_\_\_

10) Global Impact – The Bible’s truths turned the world upside down: (Rev 21:5, 6) The impact of Jesus Christ in the Bible and the world is staggering. His words are trustworthy and true, a spring of water of eternal life. God’s Word is pure water. Go to the fountain (ad fontes).

H. Where are you on the spectrum of God’s Word applied in your life: skeptic, doubting Christian, new Christian, mature Christian? If you’re skeptical or doubting, how can you gain Biblical confidence? If you’re new or mature, who can you come alongside to disciple? \_\_\_\_\_

I. Where do you want to grow in your relationship to God’s Word? Prayerfully consider how to set your heart on His words. Share with your LG who is walking with you. \_\_\_\_\_

*Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe, all the words of this law. For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess Deut. 32:46, 47*