

DISCUSSION GUIDE – LESSON 4

The Reliability & Inerrancy of the Bible

Main Focus:

Learning to trust Scripture as God's perfect, preserved, and authoritative Word

Opening Question

When did you first start to question whether the Bible was trustworthy?

Group Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think belief in biblical inerrancy has declined in modern culture?
 2. Which evidence (manuscripts, archaeology, prophecy, consistency, Jesus, transformation, church history) most strengthened your confidence in the Bible?
 3. Why do you think many people attack the Bible instead of other religious texts?
 4. How does losing trust in the Bible affect every other area of belief?
 5. How does Jesus' view of Scripture challenge modern Christian thinking?
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Personal Reflection Prompts

- Do I trust the Word of God completely — or selectively?
 - Have I allowed culture to shape my view of Scripture more than Jesus?
 - What doubts about the Bible have I not yet brought into the light?
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Scripture Tie-Ins

Read together:

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17
- John 10:35
- Hebrews 4:12
- Psalm 19:7–9

Ask:

What do these verses say about the nature and power of Scripture?

Weekly Application

This week, participants should:

1. Read Scripture **daily for at least 10 minutes**
2. Write down one moment where the Bible challenged or encouraged them
3. Memorize **2 Timothy 3:16**
4. Replace one cultural voice with Scripture (podcast, news, YouTube)
5. Pray: *“Lord, restore my confidence in Your Word.”*

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think belief in the Bible’s inerrancy and reliability is declining among Christians today?
2. Which of the evidences for Scripture (manuscript evidence, archaeology, fulfilled prophecy, internal consistency, Christ’s view of Scripture, transformative power, church history) is most meaningful to you personally—and why?
3. How does learning about manuscript evidence and the “embarrassment of riches” we have in copies of the New Testament affect your trust in the text?
4. What’s one archaeological or prophetic example that you find especially helpful when talking with skeptics?
5. How does it help your faith to know that Jesus Himself treated Scripture as the very Word of God—authoritative, accurate, and unbreakable?
6. The Bible’s internal consistency across 1,500 years and 40 authors points to a single divine Author. Where have you seen that unity show up in your own reading?
7. How do stories of transformed lives (through Scripture) and 2,000 years of church affirmation encourage you when you feel doubt or pressure from culture?
8. What’s one concrete step you can take this week to deepen your confidence in the Bible (e.g., study a topic, read about archaeology, memorize a verse on Scripture’s authority)?