



Sermon Discussion Guide

Why Can I Trust the Bible?

40 Days in the Word – Part 2

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*“The words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay and purified seven times!”
Psalm 12:6 (NIV)*

The Bible is not only the first printed book, but also the most translated, sold and read book of all time. God himself has breathed his very words through human hands onto scrolls, papyrus, paper, and electronic media. Although it took over 1600 years, 40 authors from diverse backgrounds and lifestyles, and three languages to write, it contains a unified single message: the redemption of mankind by Jesus. Jesus himself in Luke 11:28 confirms the message of the Bible.

We also know that the Bible is inspired, infallible, and inerrant. You can trust the Bible because: It is historically accurate, it is scientifically accurate, it is prophetically accurate, it is thematically unified, it is confirmed by Jesus, it has survived all attacks, and it has transforming power.

1. **What does it say?** Read Psalm 12:6 above. God took great care to preserve his words and protect the Bible from eradication. Why does this passage make you feel confident about the trustworthiness of the Bible?
2. **What does it mean?** How can the purity of the Bible and its unified message improve our relationship with God?
3. **What do I do?** Knowing the care God put into protecting the Bible and maintaining its message, discuss how its truth can motivate you to expand your biblical knowledge.

“Jesus replied, ‘But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.’” Luke 11:28

4. **What does it say?** Jesus believed the Bible was true and commanded us to trust his word. What does the above verse say we are to do once we hear the word of God?
5. **What does it mean?** Christ came to bring God’s message of salvation to people who have lost hope. How does putting the word of God into practice help you stop being a slave to your own desires?
6. **What do I do?** Talk about one area in your life the Holy Spirit may be prompting you to change. What action steps are necessary?

Diving Deeper (optional)

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (NIV)

1. **What does it mean?** What specific things can we do to transform our minds?
2. **Probe It!** Is there an attitude you need to change?