



How Do I Know the Bible Is True? Robert Morris

Focus The Bible is the true and living Word of God. Its accuracy is proof of its truth, and the mathematical and scientific evidence backing it up is amazing. The Bible points to Jesus, and we can know Him personally.

Fun Share your favorite song or musician. Why is that song or artist your favorite?

Review Key Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20–21; John 1:1, 1:14, 5:39; Matthew 4:4

1. The Bible verifies itself.

Jesus quoted the Bible and firmly believed in its power. When tempted, Jesus used God's Word to defeat the enemy (Matthew 4:4). In 2 Timothy 3, Paul declares "All scripture is given by inspiration of God ...". All Scripture has been breathed by God. Writing something down gives it more weight than if it were just spoken. We have the written Word of God that has been verified and authenticated.

2. The Bible is amazing.

Buddhist texts and the Quran are both from the sayings of only one man, and they were composed after these men were dead. The Bible was written by 40 writers over the course of 1,500 years. It is nearly impossible for that many people to have colluded to create such a cohesive book; it was made possible by the inspiration of God. David described the crucifixion 1,000 years before it happened and 500 years before crucifixion was even invented. Daniel prophesied about four different empires before they happened, and each empire came about just as he said. The Bible has been scrutinized more than any other

book and has not been falsified. The mathematical odds that Jesus would have fulfilled only eight Messianic prophecies is 1 in 100 quadrillion.

3. God is the author, and it is possible to know Him personally.

Forty men wrote the Bible, but it has only one Author—the Holy Spirit. The Bible is summed up in the person of Jesus. All Scripture points to Jesus. John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Jesus is the Word of God. Only God could have arranged all the prophecies and accuracy of the Bible.

Group Dynamics Idea It is the heart of Gateway Church to see people saved, healed, set free, disciplined, equipped, empowered, and serving. As you consider the growth needs of your group, prayerfully consider how it would look to implement one of these focuses each week.

- Discuss**
1. Why do you think the authenticity of the Bible is under so much attack today?
 2. What scientific or mathematical evidence about the authenticity of the Bible that Pastor Robert shared was the most amazing to you?
 3. Why do you think people have so many doubts about the Bible?
 4. How has the Bible impacted your life? Is there a specific passage of Scripture that has made a big difference in your life?
 5. Why is it significant that all of the Bible points to Jesus? How does that perspective change the way you read the Bible?
 6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? How can you take your knowledge or practical application of the Bible to the next level?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- The Bible proves its own authenticity.
- The mathematical and scientific evidence backing up the Bible is amazing.
- The Bible points to Jesus, and we can know Him personally.

Prayer Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your written Word, the Bible. Help us trust in You and in Your solid Word. Remove any doubt in our hearts about You or what You say in the Bible. Help us to be a witness of Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Your campus team wants to connect with you as you work to build community in your small group. The team is available to pastor and care for any needs that

may arise in your group. Don't hesitate to reach out to them about any concerns or questions you have!