



Why Should I Trust the Bible? | Shawn Johnson | 10.30.22

Weekly Study

## SHARE

On Sunday, Shawn closed out our series “Word of God” by giving us Truth to help us navigate why we should trust the Bible. We pray that this series has intentionally equipped you to experience everything God has waiting in the pages of His Word as we have asked the big questions about the Bible. Our hope is that you not only know more about the Word of God, but you have experienced more of the power of the Word of God in our life.

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday’s sermon?
- What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?

## GROW

**Read Psalm 119:160; John 10:35; 1 Peter 1:24-25; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6**

This week Shawn helped us navigate through a big question believers and non-believers alike have asked for years, “why should I trust the Bible?” He gave us four great points of Truth in which we can trust the Bible. We can trust the Bible because it is *historically accurate*, *scientifically accurate*, *prophetically accurate* and *Jesus trusted it*. He gave us truth to each of these accuracies that can help us navigate our very real questions about trusting the Bible.

**Have you personally been in a place where you have struggled to believe that the Bible is trustworthy? Which of the four Truths have you struggled with or are you struggling with most?**

**Have you had the opportunity to help someone else as they struggled to believe in the inerrancy of the Bible? If so, share of your experience.**

**Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, what new Truth did God reveal to you about why we can trust in the Bible? Was it something scientifically or historically...? Share with your group.**

**M O V E**

**Read Matthew 5:18; Luke 24:27; John 1:14**

We are going to take some time to dive into one of the most important reasons why we should trust in the Bible and that is because Jesus did. As Shawn shared, Jesus believed that he could trust in all the Bible and if we believe in Jesus then we believe in all that he believed in. Jesus believed in the Prophets (Matthew 22:40), the Creation story (Matthew 19:4) and as Jesus taught the people the Truth of the Word of God, it all pointed to him. Jesus believed the Bible, and therefore we should too.

If we accept the invitation from God to reveal himself through his Word, it is promised it will not return to Him void (Is. 55:11). Every word he gave humanity is intentional and was given for

a reason. Like the rain and snow, God's words bring life (John 6:63) and will produce good fruit in our lives. Through his Word, we know that God loves us, and we know this because Jesus died to free us from sin and death; we also will learn how to live in light of these truths.

No matter how much noise there is from the world, the point is that God's Word is trustworthy and if we can get that truth into our mind, God can get his Word in our heart. As it does this, it will no longer be empty promises and as Shawn said this weekend, his Word actually means something. God's Word actually changes us and will lead and guide us for every step of our journey in this life.

**What is keeping you from accepting the invitation to fully believe in the truth of God's spoken words about who he is and about who he says of you?**

**How does knowing that Jesus (God in flesh) believed in the Bible changed your perspective on this whole conversation?**

**Dive Deeper:** Shawn can give a message about the inerrancy of the Bible and why we can trust it. But we encourage you personally and as a group not to take our word for it but to go this week, dive deep into the questions that you may have by opening the Word of God and allowing him to show you why you can trust him and trust what he has spoken. We believe that God will reveal himself as you open the living Word of God by opening your eyes to the light of his glory and the Truth in his Word.

## **P R A Y**

Take time to pray together over your arenas of influence this week and for courage to go and make God known.

