

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD?
Apologetics 2025 — Week 5

ICEBREAKER: What's your all-time favorite movie, and how many times have you seen it?

OVERVIEW: Christians are a people of the book. We read the Bible, study it, memorize it, obey it, and teach it to our children. Why do we place such value on a book? Because we believe it is God's word. Not everyone believes in the Bible. Some believe it is a man-made book filled with errors and contradictions. Why do Christians believe the Bible is God's word? In this discussion we will go deeper with how to defend the reliability and inspiration of Scripture.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Do you read the Bible regularly? Explain.
3. How has the Bible impacted your life?
4. What is your favorite Bible verse? Why?
5. Read Psalm 19:7-11 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What are the different titles given to the Bible in this passage? (For example, verse 9 calls it "the ordinances of the Lord.")
 - b. What are the characteristics of the Bible in this passage? (For example, verse 7 says it is "perfect.")
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions. List the six reasons to believe in the Bible.
 - c. What are the benefits of the Bible in this passage?
 - d. In light of this passage, how should you treat the Bible?
7. What are the seven claims the Bible makes about itself?
8. How do history and archeology support belief in the Bible?
9. How do we know that the Bible has not been altered and corrupted over the years?
10. Of the six mentioned, what is the most persuasive reason to believe in the Bible? Why?

The Last Word: "Let us read our Bibles in private more, and with more care and diligence. Ignorance of Scripture is the root of all error and makes a person helpless in the hand of the devil." J.C. Ryle