



PART ONE: HOLY BOOK, RELIABLE MANUSCRIPTS, OR BOTH?

Introduction

What do we mean when we say that the Bible is the Word of God? Where did it come from? Why are there so many versions? Is the Bible just a collection of inspirational quotes from prophets and teachers, or is it the final authority for how we should live our lives?

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has there been anyone in your life you have discipled? Who filled the role of disciple in your life?
2. Which challenge to scriptural authority has resonated with you the most? (Authenticity, Dating, Canon, Old Testament) How has it changed since?
3. *Read 2 Timothy 3:1-17*
 - What stands out to you?
 - Why is it so important to allow the Bible to inform your worship of God?
4. Paul tells Timothy scripture is authoritative. Is scripture authoritative in your life? Why or why not. What information would you need to take a step closer to scripture?
5. When you first learned about the Bible, how did you view it? Did you have an understanding of its origins? After Part 1 of Faith and Reason, do you find it reasonable to believe the texts we have today are the same text we had in the 1st Century?
6. What will it cost you to begin to read the Bible everyday so that you can spend time with God? When you start, where do you think you should start? Why?
7. How does your opinion of the Old Testament change now that you know Jesus affirmed it was all about Him? What was your opinion of the Old Testament prior to Part 1 of Faith and Reason?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)