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## Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 2

In our spiritual journey with God, few things are more important than studying and growing in love for His Word. But in order to love something well, we have to understand it, so this week, Pastor Curt focused the message on helping us to better understand our Bible. The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years in over a dozen countries on three continents by people from all walks of life. It is remarkable – miraculous, even – that the Bible tells one complete story. The reason for this is that while there were about forty writers of the Bible, there was only one Author. All of Scripture was divinely inspired by God, and He orchestrated the way that the Word came together to form the full Bible.

Pastor Curt gives us six reasons why we can trust the Bible. If the Bible was inspired by the God of all creation, then we would expect and assume: **1) It would claim to be the Word of God, 2) The events it claims happened, actually happened. 3) The authors would be trustworthy. 4) It would make predictions about the future that could not be known by natural means. 5) The book would be unified in thought and void of contradictions. 6) The words would have a transforming power.** PC shared a quote from Voddie Baucham ~ “I choose to trust the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents, written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses, who reported supernatural events fulfilling specific prophecies and whose authors claimed to be Divine rather than human in origin.” If we’re going to build our life on God’s Word, then we better make sure we can trust the Bible to be God’s words! “If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.” (1 Peter 3:15)

## Discussion Questions

- As a Bible teaching church we believe in the validity of the Bible. Discuss how the facts mentioned will help you when others approach you with questions about the truth and accuracy of God’s Word.
- Which of the points in the message stood out to you most? Why? Explain how knowing the Bible’s accuracy impact the way that you read it.
- Perhaps the greatest testimony to the authority of the Bible is our own personal transformation as we apply its truths. Talk about the Biblical truths that have changed you most

## Prayer Focus

Thank God for giving you a flawless, truthful text upon which to build your faith. Make a commitment before Him that you will make the Bible the final authority in your life, even when you don’t understand it, it’s unpopular, or you even dislike it. Recognize before God that He is God and you are not. Thank Him for loving you enough to speak to you through His Word. Ask Him to help you grow in your love for the Word, learn His Word, and live out its truths every day.

## Next Steps

As you read the Word this week, keep in mind the incredible accuracy of the text. Take it to heart, and apply it to your life! It will surely transform you.

## Leader Tip

As a leader, it is important that you are growing also. Make sure that you are regularly connecting with your Groups Coordinator at your campus or our Community Life department for encouragement and resources to help you grow.