

Is the Bible Reliable?

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VIDEO 1: PULSE OF THE WORLD ON THE BIBLE

This video is a 2.5-minute survey of many people's responses to this question.

Questions for Discussion:

- Did you identify with anyone's expressed views in the film? If so, who and what resonated with you?
- What does it mean that "80 percent of Americans identify the Bible as sacred literature yet only 43 percent of Christians firmly believe the Bible is accurate in all of the principles it teaches"?

VIDEO 2: THE CURIOSITY COLLECTIVE: IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?

This is a 10-minute collection of subject matter experts discussing the question "Is the Bible reliable?" It displays the various questions, struggles, and perspectives of these individuals regarding this week's topic. See what they have to say and discuss it.

Questions for Discussion:

After watching the video, choose from this list of questions or ask some of your own to facilitate discussion. There's no need to limit your discussion to these questions or to feel pressured to cover all of them in the time you have.

- In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in The Curiosity Collective? What did you find intriguing or compelling?
- What are a few of the various sources of truth that people consider?
- If someone asked you to describe the story of the Bible, what would you say?
- Do you think it's possible that a book could be inspired by God? Why or why not?
- As quoted in the film, how might it be possible that the Bible is "the true human story that underlies our experience and our existence"?



- How relevant is the Bible to your everyday life?
- What might make you inclined to rely on the Bible as a source of truth or guidance in your life? die in order to accomplish this?

INTO THE BIBLE:

1. How is God's Word like—and unlike—any other book?
Maybe the best way to answer that is to let the Bible describe itself. Read each of these verses and fill in the blank. Then, describe how God has used His Word in one of these ways in your life.
2. Read Hebrews 4:12-13. The Word of God is a sword that _____.
3. Read James 1:23. The Word of God is a mirror that _____.
When have you experienced this yourself?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:23. The Word of God is a _____ that reproduces.
Have you ever seen a truth of God grow in your life?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:2. God's Word is _____ that nourishes.
True/False - You grow up in God in direct proportion to your intake of God's Word.
6. Read Psalm 119:105. God's Word is a _____ that shines in darkness. Has God's Word ever been a "light to your path?" Describe what you mean.
7. Read Jeremiah 23:29a. God's Word is a _____ that consumes. Someone once said that God's Word will cause them to either be on fire or in the fire. Do you agree?
8. Read Jeremiah 23:29b. God's Word is like a hammer that _____.
What does God's Word break?

Martin Luther said, "The Word of God is alive, it speaks to me. It has feet, it runs after me. It has hands, it lays hold of me!" How have you seen this to be true in your life?

What's one of your favorite Scripture verses? Share it with your friends. What does it tell you about God or yourself?



Ask God to seal His Word to your heart, to make you willing to listen to His Word and do what it says. (Read Proverbs 9:10 for the reason why.)

Memory Verse: *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).*

