

BETTER THAN THE BIBLE

IS THE BIBLE REALLY AN OUTDATED BOOK?

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Hebrews 4

LIVING & ACTIVE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. - Psalm 119

17 Satisfy them in the truth; your word is truth. - John 17



IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH I PURPOSE

11 So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. - Isaiah 55

5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. - Psalm 124

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3

3 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. - Romans 15

Talking Points Discussion Guide

“Better than the Bible: How We Know”

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Scripture: Matthew 5:17 NIV, Luke 21:5-6 NIV, John 6:67-69 NIV

Summary: We take the stories in the Old Testament serious because Jesus did. We take Jesus serious because of what the Gospels said. And we take the Gospels serious because of who wrote them and when they were written. Our faith and hope are founded in something better!

Talk It Over:

In your experience, what’s the hardest part of Scripture to believe? How have you tried to reconcile that part with your faith?

How does it make you feel to know that you don’t have to answer every tough question you face while reading the Bible? Why?

To what extent is your faith currently based on personal experience? On Jesus “working” for you rather than the truth of who Jesus is?

How does it change your relationship to Christianity to see it not as a moral set of stories and guidelines, but as a way of life started by an actual historical event?

“You don’t have to believe or understand all of the Bible. You’re in good company if you don’t. The historicity of these stories doesn’t establish or diminish our faith as Christians. Our hope is placed in who Jesus is and what he did!”

Talk It Over With Kids:

Do you know what an eyewitness is? Talk about it.

The first four books of the New Testament are named Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They are named for the people who wrote them. Matthew, Mark, and John were eyewitnesses to the life of Jesus and they saw the things he did. They wrote down the truth about what happened so other people would know. If you had been there, what would you most like to have seen that Jesus did? Tell that story.

Luke was a doctor, a very, very smart man. But instead of writing a book about medicine, he decided to become a reporter and discover the whole story about Jesus. What does a reporter do? Who do you think he might have talked to and asked questions about Jesus?

in the first pages of his book Dr. Luke says that he was writing a complete and accurate record so that everyone could know for sure what happened. He even interviewed Mary, Jesus' mother, to find out about when he was a baby. What questions might he have asked? Who else might he have asked about Jesus being born?

The most important story about Jesus is when he rose from the dead and came alive again. Who do you think Dr. Luke talked to about that?

Eyewitnesses saw Jesus die, be buried, and come back to life again. We know it is true! More than 500 people saw him at one time. That means his promises are all true. What Jesus promise makes you most happy?