

### For reflection and discussion

1. What is your view of the Bible? What do you believe and why do you believe what you believe? What would you say if a “skeptic” asked you what you believe about the Bible?
2. What do you think 2 Timothy 3:16 teaches about the Bible?
3. Is the Bible the only revelation from/of God? What are the roles for reason, logic, tradition, experience, and the input from the congregation?
4. Who is responsible for interpreting the Bible? The individual? The denomination? The congregation?

### The God Questions Series

April 15	Is the Bible true and can I trust what it says?
April 22	Why do you allow suffering?
April 29	Is Jesus really your Son?
May 6	Do all roads lead to you?
May 13	“Is the Bible true?” revisited!

### Resources worth checking

Lee Strobel has authored a number of books that deal with these kinds of issues. His books include, *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*. You can find out more (and read articles and watch some video clips of him and others discussing these issues) at [www.leestrobel.com](http://www.leestrobel.com)

A DVD resource that is helpful is *Jesus: Fact or Fiction?*  
[www.JesusFactOrFiction.com](http://www.JesusFactOrFiction.com)

If you are interested in reading a book on the Bible, “How To Read the Bible for All its Worth” by Gordon Fee and Douglass Stuart is a good place to start.

## God Questions: Is the Bible True? Revisited!

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(God Questions, Part 5)

*...when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. Assemble the people—men, women, children, and the aliens living in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.*  
Deuteronomy 31:11-12 (church Bible page 147)

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*  
Psalm 119:105 (church Bible page 439)

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*  
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (church Bible page 843)

*For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*  
2 Peter 1:21 (church Bible page 860)

**1. What \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. Brethren in Christ Articles of Faith (see handout)**

**B. Brethren in Christ Core Values (see handout)**

*We value the Bible as God’s authoritative Word, study it together, and build our lives on its truth.*

2. **Are** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **W** \_\_\_\_\_

The following words often get used by Christians:  
Revelation, inspiration, reliability, usefulness, authority, inerrant,  
infallible, Word of God

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*At the most fundamental level, Christians believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the "Word made flesh." Although the phrase, "Word of God," primarily refers in the Bible to Christ himself (John 1), Christians believe that both the Old and New Testaments are the authoritative and reliable written Word of God. Some Christians use words like inerrancy and infallibility to describe the authority of the Bible. These words themselves have become divisive and are not found anywhere in Scripture. We prefer to speak of the Bible using its own words—revelation, authority, and inspiration.*  
John Yeatts in Focusing our Faith (page 29)

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W \_\_\_\_\_ or W \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ or T \_\_\_\_\_

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