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# Leap of Doubt

## Is the Bible Reliable? |

Doubt is not a bad thing. At least it doesn't have to be. Doubt can lead us to ask great questions and seek great answers. Doubt can drive us closer and deeper into Truth. Doubt can lead us to greater faith. We are taking a leap of doubt, asking some tough questions and seeking solid answers. Let's make this leap of doubt lead us to firm landing on an even more solid faith.

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| o <b>Sunday 8.28.11</b>    |  | <b>2 Timothy 3.16</b>    |
| o <b>Monday 8.29.11</b>    |  | <b>Psalms 19</b>         |
| o <b>Tuesday 8.30.11</b>   |  | <b>Romans 15.1-5</b>     |
| o <b>Wednesday 8.31.11</b> |  | <b>2 Peter 1.12-21</b>   |
| o <b>Thursday 9.1.11</b>   |  | <b>Hebrews 4.12-13</b>   |
| o <b>Friday 9.2.11</b>     |  | <b>Psalms 119.1-88</b>   |
| o <b>Saturday 9.3.11</b>   |  | <b>Psalms 119.89-176</b> |

*As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:*

.What does this passage teach me about God? What do I notice? What does it teach me about myself? How does my practice of my faith and my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?

**\*For further study read chapter 7 in Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God*.**

# Discussion Questions

>>READ>> 2 Timothy 3:14-17

.What does the apostle Paul tell us about God's active involvement in the writing of Scripture?

.Are people you know more troubled by the cultural aspects of the Bible or the historical? Why?

.How can a clearer understanding of the historical context of a passage help us better understand its cultural context?

.What passages or statements in the Bible do you struggle with the most? Have you been able to reconcile them with our current history or culture? If so, how?

.Read the following objections aloud:

A. "The Gospels are full of contradictions."

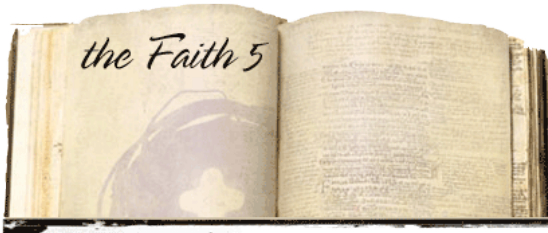
B. "The Gospel can't be reliable accounts because they describe miracles."

C. "Why should a person believe the Old Testament is true?"

.Divide into three groups and assign one of the objections above to each group. After 5 minutes regroup and share your thoughts on how you would respond to the objection.

.Discuss the following statement from Tim Keller: "To stay away from Christianity because part of the Bible's teaching is offensive to you assumes that if there is a God he wouldn't have any views that upset you. Does that belief make sense?"

.If you had to summarize the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in three minutes what would you say? Try it. You may want to stay in the groups to do this exercise.



*Share* your highs & lows of the day

*Read* the Scripture in the Bible

*Talk* about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

*Pray* about your highs & lows, family, world

*Bless* one another

## Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Timothy 3.16

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 34.27

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 19.8

Wednesday \_\_\_ Psalm 119.105

Thursday \_\_\_ Hebrews 4.12

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 119.103

Saturday \_\_\_ Psalm 119.93

**Blessing:** May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

