

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

*Graduate Sunday*

These questions are for the **June 4, 2017** sermon, "Why Should I Believe the Bible?" Please read the sermon passage (2 Peter 1:16-21) together out loud.

YOU SHOULD BELIEVE THE BIBLE BECAUSE OF . . .

1. **The eyewitnesses who testify to Jesus' majesty.** (16-18)
  - A. Peter and others heard God's voice from heaven which identified Jesus as God's Son.
  - B. Peter and others saw Jesus transfigured and heard God say, "This is my beloved Son."
2. **The fulfilled prophecies from the Older Testament, which were fulfilled in Jesus.** (19-20)
  - A. The sure word from the Older Testament gives us faith as we await Jesus' return.
  - B. God's Word is a lamp, providing light for those who trust it in this dark world.
    - i. Note the authority of God's Word (it is correct in all that it asserts)
    - ii. Note the power of God's Word (it provides life, freedom & light)
  - C. Those who oppose it are simply trying to make room for their own sin (2 Peter 3:3-4)
3. **The miraculous way that God inspired it.** (21)
  - A. God wrote His Word by inspiring (breathing it out, 2 Timothy 3:16-17) . . .
    - i. through 40 authors . . .
    - ii. in 3 languages . . .
    - iii. over 1,500 years.
      1. Without a contradiction or error.
      2. And has miraculously preserved it through every generation.
  - B. And there are promises in God's Word that are yet to be fulfilled.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: A central theme in the Scriptures is the person and work of Jesus Christ. How is your confidence in the Bible bolstered by the fact that we have letters (such as 2 Peter) written by people who heard God's voice come from heaven and identify Jesus as God's Son? And were present at his transfiguration? And who saw him after he was raised from the dead?
2. Based on #2, above: In what way has God's Word given you "light" as you trust it? How has he relieved fear? Provided guidance? Led you into the truth? Transformed your thinking?
3. Based on #3, above: Consider the miraculous way that God has communicated and preserved his word. Every archeological discovery supports the Bible (it is correct in what it says about history). Discuss your resolute and growing confidence in the authority of God's Word.
4. Based on #3, above: **Do you meditate on God's Word?** (Think about how your life lines up with it and does not line up with it, with the intention to more obedient.) **Do you memorize God's Word?** (Committing to memory what God says about himself, his will and his ways, with the desire to be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:1-2).) What do you do in your own life in order to take God's Word seriously?