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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Why the Bible is God's Word

TEACHING SUMMARY

The question of whether the Bible is truly God's Word is foundational. If God exists, then it is reasonable to expect that He has revealed Himself to humanity. The Bible claims to be that revelation, providing instruction, correction, and training in righteousness.

One reason to believe in God is the existence of the universe itself. Everything that begins to exist has a cause, pointing to a Creator who is beyond time and space. Additionally, the complexity and design of the universe point to an intelligent designer.

The Bible is further supported by historical reliability. The New Testament accounts were written close to the events they describe, include eyewitness testimony, and align with known history and archaeology. Details about people, places, and culture have been repeatedly confirmed.

Most importantly, the Bible is authenticated by the resurrection of Yeshua. Historical evidence—including the empty tomb, eyewitness accounts, and the transformation of the disciples—supports that this event truly occurred. If Yeshua was raised from the dead, then His claims about God and Scripture are validated.

Therefore, the evidence points to the Bible as the true revelation of YHWH, the God of Israel, who desires to be known and has made Himself known through His Word.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The existence of the universe points to a Creator.
- God would reasonably reveal Himself to humanity.
- The Bible claims to be God's Word.

- Scripture is useful for teaching and training in righteousness.
 - The New Testament is historically reliable.
 - The accounts were written close to the events.
 - Eyewitness testimony supports the gospel accounts.
 - Archaeology confirms many biblical details.
 - The resurrection of Yeshua is key evidence.
 - The empty tomb supports the resurrection.
 - The Bible is supernaturally authenticated.
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Basic

1. Everything that begins to exist has a _____.
 2. The universe points to a _____.
 3. The Bible claims to be the Word of _____.
 4. Scripture is useful for teaching and training in _____.
 5. The New Testament includes _____ testimony.
 6. Archaeology confirms many _____ details.
 7. Yeshua was raised from the _____.
 8. The resurrection helps validate the _____.
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Challenging

1. God must be beyond _____ and time.
2. Complex design points to an intelligent _____.
3. The “legend hypothesis” claims the accounts were
_____ over time.
4. Oral tradition in ancient Israel was highly _____.
5. Eyewitnesses helped prevent _____ of the message.
6. The empty tomb is evidence of the _____.

7. The resurrection is considered a _____ authentication of Scripture.
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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is the question of God's existence so important?

2. How does the existence of the universe point to a Creator?

3. Why would it make sense for God to reveal Himself to humanity?

4. What evidence supports the historical reliability of the Bible?

5. Why is archaeology important when studying Scripture?

6. How does the resurrection of Yeshua support the truth of the Bible?

7. What are some common objections to the Bible's reliability, and how can they be addressed?

8. How should believing that the Bible is God's Word affect how we live?

ANSWER KEY

Basic

1. Cause
 2. Creator
 3. God
 4. Righteousness
 5. Eyewitness
 6. Historical
 7. Dead
 8. Bible (or Scripture)
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Challenging

1. Space
2. Designer
3. Changed (or Mythologized)
4. Reliable
5. Distortion
6. Resurrection
7. Supernatural