



THE BIBLE

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

The Bible - The Story Behind the Story - Week 2

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series called 'The Bible - the story behind the story'. For this series we will look at what the Bible is and how the Bible can change our lives. The Bible is Reliable, Relatable and Relational.

For Part 2 the title of the message is, 'The Bible - Jesus Proves it's Authenticity'. Have you ever wondered why we follow what the Bible says? What does Jesus have to do with how we respond to the Bible?

Questions:

1. Last week we said that the Bible was actually a library of 66 books and that it was Reliable, Relatable and Relational, but does the Bible matter? How can you know that you should follow what the Bible says? What makes the Bible matter?
2. Which comes first, belief in the Bible or belief in Jesus? Can you believe in Jesus without believing the Bible? How does following Jesus help you to trust the Bible and enable a relationship with God that you don't deserve?
3. What documentation is there that Jesus actually existed? How does that evidence compare with other historical people? Why were there so many accounts of Jesus' life and ministry written? Why is it important that Jesus actually existed and walked the earth? Luke 1:1-4
4. Why is it important that Jesus, validated, believed and taught about the Old Testament? How does Jesus take what was written in scripture further than what the Jews had been taught? How does this teaching relate to His authority? Matthew 5:21-22; Luke 24:44; Matthew 28:18

5. Does it matter to you that Jesus was part of the plan from the beginning with God and the Holy Spirit? What part did He play in the creation process? Why does John refer to Jesus as the 'Word'? John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:26
6. How does Jesus tie the Old Testament and the New Testament together? Did Jesus come to abolish the Law of Moses, does the Law even matter anymore? Was God's law important to Jesus, how does that relate to His purpose? Matthew 5:17-19
7. Do you read the Bible just to "hear"? How can reading the Bible help to grow your faith and help you to know the Word (Jesus)? Why is it important for you to build your relationship with Jesus?

Key Takeaway: *Jesus paves the way for you to have a relationship with God that you do not deserve. Jesus makes the Bible (God's Word) matter. Reading the Bible helps you grow your faith and know Jesus.*

Summary:

- We follow the Bible because we follow Jesus
- Jesus paves the way for us to have a relationship with God
- Jesus actually existed
- Jesus believed the Old testament
- Jesus is (and was) part of the plan from the beginning
- Jesus ties the Old testament and New Testament together
- Don't just read to "hear", read to know the Word (Jesus)