



WEEK OF January 28 – February 3 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is **only an aide for you to experience Christ together.**

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study: Ask someone in the group (or a few people) to read **2 Timothy 3:16-17** out loud and then answer and discuss the following questions together:

1. This weekend we wrestled with the question, “*Can I really trust the Bible.*” We found that only 24% of people would affirm the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally word for word. Whereas 26% said they believe the Bible is a book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts.
 - a. **Before this message, what would you have answered when asked, “Can I really trust the Bible?”**
 - b. **In light of these statistics, what does this mean for us as the church?**
2. Pastor Vance showed us several empowering facts concerning the historical reliability of the bible. From how many manuscripts to being recorded by eyewitnesses, we have a lot to stand on.
 - a. **Which set of facts was most surprising to you?**
 - b. **Why is it important that the Bible is so supported historically for us as believers?**
3. Pastor Vance taught that he believed God had written the Bible due to two reasons: the way it was written and what was written in it. From this he shared with us that the Bible is unlike any other book in antiquity when it comes to its journey of publication: being a compilation of 66 books, written in 3 languages, written across 3 continents, by over 40 different authors, and over the span of 1500 years.
 - a. **How does this testify to God being the author of the Bible?**
 - b. **How does this set apart the Bible when it comes to the Book of Mormon, the Qu’ran, or the Pali Canon?**
4. Finally, Pastor Vance shared the message of the Bible out of John 3:16. This helped us see that the Bible is not just a book to be read, but a message to be received.
 - a. **Why is it important to understand the message of the Bible?**
 - b. **How should this motivate us to share the gospel with those who do not know Christ?**

Practical Application: With these tools and facts (important word there), how can you be bolder in your sharing of the gospel?