



MESSAGE BIG IDEA

The Bible can be shown to be a reliable document, accurately recorded and transmitted through history, and relevant to life in the 21st century.

SCRIPTURE

John 5:39 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17

ICEBREAKER

What's something dumb you wish you had never done? Like roller-skate down a big hill, tie your loose tooth to a doorknob, etc...?

OPENING THOUGHT

We all long for reliability in our lives. We count on reliability for lots of the small things that make up our daily lives. Finding reliable and trustworthy people is also important. It's our foundation for healthy relationships and lifestyles. What does it mean for someone in your life to be reliable?

BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what stood out to you or struck you?
2. Read John 5:39, what could it mean to lose sight of God even as you study the Bible?

LIFE APPLICATION

Watch the Week 6 video on communitychristian.org/currentseries

3. In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in The Curiosity Collective? What did you find intriguing or compelling?
4. What are a few of the various sources of truth that people consider?
5. Read the following quote from Peter Enns and discuss what it could mean for our use and understanding of the Bible: "The Bible doesn't say, 'Look at me!' It says, 'Look through me.'"
6. How relevant is the Bible to your everyday life? Why or why not?
7. Read the quote from Pastor William Sloane Coffin and discuss how this could change the way we approach talking about the Bible with other people.
"It is a mistake to look to the Bible to close a discussion; the Bible seeks to open one." –William Sloane Coffin
8. What might make you inclined to rely on the Bible as a source of truth or guidance in your life?

CHALLENGE

Sign up for a Bible Reading Plan if you don't already use one. Commit to reading daily and praying the prayer we've been challenged with for most of Explore God: "God if you're real, make yourself real to me through your Word."