

The Reasons For God
Is the Bible for Real?
Life Group Lesson • Week of October 23rd

1. All of us have doubts at one point or another. When have you had doubts and how were they resolved?
2. Saul of Tarsus certainly had doubts. Read about Saul's opposition to the Christian movement in Acts 7:54-8:3. Next, read Acts 9:1-19. What would stop Saul in his tracks and forever change his perspective toward Christianity?

UnCover

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Saul, a man who initially hated Christians and was bent on destroying them, would not only become a follower of Christ himself, but would be the greatest evangelist of his day. Once Saul (Paul) met the risen Christ his life changed forever. He grew to love Christ and His church. Instead of destroying the church, he became intently focused on the spread of the Gospel message (the good news that we can be forgiven of sin and receive eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus.)

3. What does Paul remind Timothy in verses 10-12? Why is it important to understand upfront that faith in Christ will bring persecution? How is this statement in itself "prove" that the message of Christ is true?
4. We certainly don't have to understand everything about the Bible or even the Lord Jesus Himself before taking a step toward faith in Christ. We can come to the Lord with our honest doubts and He will not rebuke us.
See Mark 9:17-24 John 20:24-3 Matthew 28: 16-17

Why is it important to continue taking steps of faith toward Christ even when we don't understand all that we might like to understand?

Unleash

5. When is doubt "honest"? When do doubts become "dangerous"? (you may want to refer back to 2 Timothy 3:13) What are some examples of "honest" doubt. What are some examples of "dangerous" doubt.

6. How does Paul encourage Timothy in verse 14? Has “remaining faithful to the things you were taught” ever produced certainty for you or someone you know? Share your experience.

7. List everything Paul says about God’s Word (Scripture) in verses 16-17. How is the Bible useful in your life?

Tim Keller says we may need to be skeptical of our skepticism. You may have a friend who is skeptical. You may be a skeptic yourself. Sharing your own story of faith—or listening to someone else’s story of faith—may very well help to dispel some of the doubts. The important thing is don’t remain stuck in your doubts. Be responsible to search for the truth for yourself. Read the Bible and keep reading the Bible for yourself. May you not give up on your quest for truth until you run into Truth face-to-face.

8. The plain truth: The Christian faith is founded upon eyewitness accounts in the Bible of the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How will the plain truth and Tim Keller’s help you address your doubts?