

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of February 12-18, 2023

## “ICYMI: THE BIBLE (Part 1)”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What are some of your earliest recollections about the Bible?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What difference does it make whether the Gospels – or any other book in the Bible – are historically reliable and authoritative?
2. Fulfilled prophecy both validates the authenticity of the Old Testament documents and helps to prove Christ's claims. How does this encourage you? Would you use such an argument with one type of person more than another? Why or why not?
3. Knowing how the Bible has survived and has been preserved for thousands of years now, how does it make you feel as a Christian? How should we treat God's Word? What can you do to help spread his Word?
4. How do you respond to someone who says that the Bible has so many “contradictions”?
5. What invitation does David extend in Psalm 34:8? Why do we taste something before we eat it? Why is David encouraging us to taste God and his goodness? Why do you think God wants us to seek him (see Jeremiah 29:13) instead of revealing himself to us directly?
6. Give some examples of the struggle to:
  - Trust God's Word above your feelings.
  - Trust God's Word above your opinions.
  - Trust God's Word above the values you've grown up with.
  - Trust God's Word above your culture.

7. Application: In your own life, what do you rely on to guide you (yourself, a religious book or creed, culture, opinions of friends or family, etc)? Would you say that you rely on the Bible more than any other? Share specific examples.

### 8. NEXT STEPS

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13 NIV)*

- ☐ I will rely on the Bible as God's Word.
- ☐ I commit to read the Bible on a regular basis.
- ☐ I will seek to know the God of the Bible.

*Don't forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for the motivation to read and desire to know God through his Word.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

February 13 Psalms 33:1-22

February 14 Revelations 10:1-11

February 15 Psalms 119:89-96

February 16 Psalms 34:1-22

February 17 Deuteronomy 4:3-10

February 18 Matthew 26:6-13

February 19 Acts 17:10-13