

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- If you were to ask people outside of the church what they believe about the Bible, what would answers do you think you would hear? Make a list of the replies. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being highly prepared), how prepared would you be to reply to those answers?
- Many objections to the Bible are either (a) a lack of information about its reliability or (b) a lack of submission to God and what He teaches. Do you think that most people's objections to the Bible are intellectual (meaning they truly struggle with "is the Bible reliable?") or spiritual (meaning they have trouble accepting what the Bible says)?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16.** In your own words, summarize Paul's point here.
- How should we – as believers – respond to the truth in this passage? How does this passage impact your response to Christ and His Spirit?
- How should the truth in this passage impact how we engage with non-believers?
- A historian named Wes Huff has gained popularity recently, especially after debating Billy Collins on the historicity of the crucifixion and the reliability of the Bible. Take some time to watch/listen to this video either with your small group or on your own. (Link to video: <https://youtu.be/gtp-DmgZbwA>)
 - What insights from the video encourage or challenge you?
 - How should the fact that the Bible is true and accurate affect your life?
 - How would you share this with a non-believer? What questions might this raise for them?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. What does this passage teach about suffering and God's glory?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- If someone wrote you a letter, how would it make you feel?
- **Read 2 Peter 1:20-21.** What does Peter teach in these verses?
- What does it tell you about God that He chose to speak to us and didn't stay silent?
- Is it hard to believe that God wrote the Bible? Why or why not?
- If the Bible is actually written by God, how should that impact your life? And how should people treat the Bible?
- If you had to summarize the message of the Bible in one sentence, what would it be?
- The whole Bible points us to Jesus in some way – what He's like, what He wants from us, why He needed to come for us. How comfortable do you feel in reading the Bible on your own? Why?
- What could we do – as a family – to help us become even more comfortable?
- Who is one friend, family member, or co-worker who needs to hear that God loves them today? How and when will you tell him or her?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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