

APRIL 14, 2024



- Pastor Brannon walked us through four descriptors to help us answer the question, "Can I trust the Bible?". Review these again. How does this inform our response, with gentleness and grace, when we engage with others about the authority of the Bible?
 - **Apostolic authority:** *Was this written by – or backed by – a prophet or apostle of God?*
 - **Obvious consistency:** *Does this book tell the truth about God as it is already known in previous revelation?*
 - **Corporate reception:** *Did the early church – when they got it – receive this as scripture?*
 - **Divine quality:** *Does this book give evidence of having the power of God – beyond being interesting?*
- "God determined Scripture, the Church discovered scripture." What questions still arise in your head or heart about the Bible? What questions can you offer up to the Lord in prayer, asking that the Holy Spirit would help you "grow up in every way into Christ?" [Ephesians 4:15-16]
- **Read Hebrews 4:12.** How has the reading of God's Word been "living and active" in your life? Why does reading the Bible carry more power than reading other books?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

As we continue on this journey, we would love to help you in any way we can. If you are wondering what next steps are right for you, please reach out, and we'd love to have a conversation with you or your group about the season you are in and the places Jesus has entrusted to you as you seek to be formed by His Word.

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