

WHO NEEDS GOD

PART 3: The Bible Told Me So

INTRODUCTION

Do you find some of the Bible's stories about God unsettling? Do you ever wonder how you can trust Jesus if it requires you to believe everything in the Bible is true? Does Christianity seem like a fragile house of cards that may tumble down in the face of scientific or archeological discovery?

Before you abandon your faith, it's worth exploring this question: *What if the Bible isn't the foundation of the Christian faith?*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What role does the Bible play in your faith? If you read it, why do you read it? What does it contribute to your relationship with God?
2. During the message, Andy said, *"If the Bible is the foundation of our faith, Christianity becomes a fragile house of cards. If the whole Bible isn't true, Christianity isn't true."* In what ways does this challenge or confirm your view of the Scriptures?
3. If you're a Christ-follower, why do you believe that Jesus died for your sins and was raised from the dead? How do you think the basis of your faith influences the way you view God?
4. During the message, Andy said, *"The authors of the New Testament didn't document what they believed; they documented what they saw."* Respond to that statement. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus loves you? Why or why not?
6. What can you do this week to explore how your approach to faith might change if it's true that the Bible isn't the foundation of that faith? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Before the Old and New Testaments were combined and called the Bible, the debate about the Christian faith centered on an event, not a book. We believe Jesus rose from the dead, but not because the Bible says so. We believe because of the testimony of eyewitnesses who gave up everything—including their lives—because of their confidence in Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:13-14