

# **CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY (C3) HOMEWORK**

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



## **WARM UP**

1. What comes to your mind when you think about God?
2. Have you ever wondered if the Bible is really any better than other religious books?
3. What objection have you heard most about the Bible?

(The Bible is a bunch of fairy tales, It has all kinds of errors and contradictions, It's been translated so many times we don't know what it originally said, etc)

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

4. At this point in our study on biblical trust what has been the most helpful or encouraging information?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. According to these verses why should the Bible be important to us?  
We can determine truth and error by reading it. It shows us how to live the right way and God uses the message in it to help train us for doing good. Its message is what we base our lives on.

Read Rom 10:17. Based on what Paul says in these two passages, why is it important to establish the reliability of the Bible?

If we are going to base our faith and our lives on its message we need to be confident that it is reliable.

6. Read Genesis 3:1-4. What was the very first tactic that the serpent used to begin his temptation of Eve? (Hint: Verse 1)  
The serpent (Satan in disguise) raised doubts about what God had said. In other words, Satan began his temptation by questioning the reliability of God's Word.

7. Read 1 John 5:6-13. We've been talking about our faith being based on reasonable evidence, and here John talks about the evidence of "human testimony" and "the greater testimony that comes from God." What are these two testimonies?

"Human testimony" is the external testimony or evidence and the testimony from God is the inner witness to the truth. God has given both outer or external evidences and the inner, heart testimony. These two work together, not separately, to produce the faith that assures us.

What is the ultimate purpose of this external and internal evidence?

It's so we can know that we have eternal life. It's not so that we can win arguments with people or show how much we know. God has given us these evidences for our own personal assurance of who He is and what we have in Him.

8. We talked about the Telephone Test and the Honesty Test used to establish the New Testament documents as trustworthy and historically reliable. Which of the two tests is more persuasive for you?

What is the most "fun fact" you took from Sunday's message?

(What piece of information was most interesting to you?)

Review the indications of authenticity used in the Honesty Test, and briefly explain in your own words why each criteria is important to support the trustworthiness of the New Testament.

- Eyewitness Testimony – much of what we are given in the N.T. is only information that eyewitnesses would know.
- Embarrassing Testimony – the N.T. contains embarrassing information about the "heroes" that writers wouldn't make up
- Excruciating Testimony – the disciples of Jesus died brutal deaths rather than recant

- Expected Testimony – O.T. prophecy would cause us to expect a Messiah with the same characteristics of Jesus.
- Extra Biblical Testimony – archaeology and non-biblical sources attest to the reliability of the N.T.
- Early Testimony – the books of the N.T. were written within just a few years of the events they record