

Knowing What You Believe • Small Group Questions for Session 1

How can I KNOW the Bible is reliable?

- Explain in your own words why it's important to be able to defend the reliability of the Bible
- The first witness that offers testimony is **The Witness of Unity**. Based on what you heard in the study, explain why unity within the pages of Scripture lends itself to the reliability of the Bible.
- Over how many years was the text of the Bible written? How many different people contributed their writings to the text?
- How do the many differences found in science books from the past 100 years speak to the uniqueness of the Bible's unified message?
- The second proof of the Bible's reliability comes from **The Witness of Prophecy**. Why is it important that prophetic information should be very specific?
- How does the Bible use prophetic statements to prove its reliability?
- Give one example of prophetic accuracy that was cited in this study.
- How does **The Witness of Archaeology** speak to the Bible's reliability?
- **The Witness of Science** speaks of how the Bible makes accurate scientific statements. Why do you think so many people today are convinced that the Bible is not scientifically accurate in its statements?
- **The Witness of History** claims that the people, places and events that are revealed in the Bible can be corroborated through historical evidence. Why is this important to validating the reliability of the Bible?
- **The Witness of a Changed Life** is one that is much more personal but still very important. Explain how someone sharing about how Jesus changed their life can be powerfully effective?
- Of all the witnesses revealed in this study, which one resonated with you the most and why?
- What would you say to someone who claimed the Bible was unreliable because it has been "translated over and over"?
- What are some other objections that you've heard about the Bible's reliability and what are the best ways to respond to those?

10 Crucial Archaeological Discoveries that are RELATED to the Bible

