



The Week of May 16, 2021
Confidence in God's Word
Conversation Guide

This Week's Take-Aways

- **About the Bible:** (2 Timothy 3:16-17) I believe the Bible is God's Word. It is true and authoritative and I am committed to living according to its principles and commands.
- **I study God's Word:** (2 Timothy 2:15) I consistently study the Bible to know God, the truth and find direction for my daily life.

Intro Questions

- On a scale of 1-10, how certain are you that the Bible is true?
- What story in the Bible do you have the hardest time believing?
- What is your favorite story or passage in the Bible?

Jesus on the Bible

Read Matthew 4:1-11 (CSB)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Then the tempter approached him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

He answered, "It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will give his angels orders concerning you, and they will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus told him, "It is also written: Do not test the Lord your God."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil left him, and angels came and began to serve him.

Read Deuteronomy 8:3 (CSB)

He humbled you by letting you go hungry; then he gave you manna to eat, which you and your ancestors had not known, so that you might learn that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Read Deuteronomy 6:16 (CSB)

Do not test the Lord your God as you tested him at Massah.

Read Deuteronomy 6:13 (NIV)

Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

- How did Jesus respond when Satan tempted Him?
- What does this tell us about the importance of Scripture?
- Are you confident in your ability to claim Scripture when faced with temptation?
 - How can you improve?

Read Matthew 27:46 (CSB)

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Elí, Elí, lemá sabachtháni?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Read Psalm 22:1 (CSB)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far from my deliverance and from my words of groaning?

- When Jesus was on the cross, He quoted Scripture again. What does it tell us that in His darkest moments, Scripture is what Jesus turns to?

The Bible on the Bible

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (CSB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- What is the purpose of Scripture in a believer’s life?
- How often do you go to the Bible for training?
- What is the end result of applying Scripture in our lives?

Read Psalm 19:7-11 (CSB)

*The instruction of the Lord is perfect,
renewing one’s life;
the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy,
making the inexperienced wise.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
making the heart glad;
the command of the Lord is radiant,
making the eyes light up.
The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are reliable
and altogether righteous.
They are more desirable than gold –
than an abundance of pure gold;
and sweeter than honey
dripping from a honeycomb.
In addition, your servant is warned by them,
and in keeping them there is an abundant reward.*

- Fill out the table below based on this passage from Psalm 19.

What does this Psalm say about God's Word?	What does God's Word do in our lives?
<i>It's perfect</i>	<i>It renews our lives</i>

- How have you seen God's Word do these things in your own life?

Read Matthew 24:35 (CSB)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Read Hebrews 4:12 (CSB)

For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- The Word of God is still powerful today, thousands of years after it was written down. How do you apply His Word in your daily life?

Next Steps

- Commit to spending time studying God's Word every day this week.
 - Check out the YouVersion Bible app for reading plans to help you get started.
 - Read this article for advice on how to study the Bible- <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/tips/3-simple-steps-for-studying-the-bible.html>
- Search for the [One Minute Apologist](#) on YouTube for videos about the trustworthiness and historical accuracy of the Bible.
- Visit MegaVerses.com to learn tips and tricks for how you and your family can memorize scripture. Pick up free resources at the BLAST sign-in table on Sunday mornings.