



Pacific Community Church Growth Group Sermon Questions

Date: June 21st, 2026

Sermon Series: Honest Faith

Sermon Title: “Can I Really Trust the Bible?”

Primary Text(s): 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. **Some people struggle to get 3 family members to agree on where to eat for lunch after church. What’s a small thing your family, friends, or coworkers can never seem to agree on?**

Leader’s Notes: Keep this lighthearted and fun. Let people laugh and share stories.

2. **Before this message, how would you have answered the question: “Can I really trust the Bible?” Did anything from the sermon challenge, strengthen, or clarify your perspective?**

Leader’s Notes: This question helps gauge where everyone is at spiritually. Encourage honesty. Some people may have doubts or unanswered questions.

Follow Up Questions: Have you ever wrestled with doubts about Scripture? What questions about the Bible do you still have?

3. **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. According to this passage, what are some of the purposes of Scripture? Which purpose do you need the most in your life right now?**

Leader’s Notes: Help the group observe the text before applying it. Notice that Scripture teaches, corrects, trains, and equips.

Follow Up Questions: Which of these purposes do you naturally welcome? Which of these purposes do you find hard to receive?

4. **The sermon said, “The Bible is written for us, but not to us.” Why is it important to understand the original audience and the cultural context when reading Scripture?**

Leader’s Notes: This can be a challenging concept for some. Emphasizing that understanding the original context helps us apply Scripture faithfully today.

Follow Up Questions: Have you ever thought a passage meant one thing and realized

you misunderstood what it was saying later? How might slowing down improve our Bible reading skills?

- 5. The sermon warned against building theology on a singular passage. Why do you think people are tempted to isolate a passage rather than considering the whole counsel of Scripture?**

Leader's Notes: Help the group think critically about how beliefs are formed.

Follow Up Questions: What are some dangers of building beliefs based on an isolated passage?

- 6. Can you think of a time when a Bible passage spoke directly into a situation you were facing?**

Leader's Notes: Make space for storytelling and allow people to share their meaningful experiences with God.

Follow Up Questions: What was happening in your life at that time? How did Scripture encourage, challenge, correct, or comfort you?

- 7. What is your current relationship with Scripture? Would you describe it as consistent, sporadic, life-giving, intimidating, confusing, or something else?**

Leader's Notes: Model honesty if needed.

Follow Up Questions: What helps you engage with Scripture? What obstacles get in the way?

- 8. If someone new to Christianity asked you, "How do I start building a biblical understanding of God?" what advice would you give them?**

Leader's Notes: This question helps participants articulate what they've learned and how they might disciple someone else in this area.

Follow Up Questions: What books of the Bible would you start with? How would walk them through the steps on navigating the Bible?

- 9. What's one practical way you can engage meaningfully with Scripture this week?**

Leader's Notes: End with concrete application. Encourage people to be specific and realistic in their goal setting.

For those who live busy lives, encourage the use of apps like:

- *The You Version Bible Plans*
- *Lectio 365*
- *Glorify*