

When In Doubt
5. When We Doubt the Bible

Table Talk (⅓ of meeting)

- When you were assigned to read books for class as a kid, did you read them?
- Briefly share a high and/or low from your week.
- How have you been taking steps of faith this week?
- Spend time in prayer giving thanks to God, completing the phrase "Thank You, God, for_____."

Scripture Discussion Guidelines

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying, not on other passages.
3. Share from your perspective - we won't argue or give advice.
4. Give everyone time to respond. Silence is OK.
5. The facilitator will facilitate discussion, not teach.

Discover what God is saying to you. (⅓ of meeting)

Getting Started: What do you usually do when you come across parts of the Bible that don't make sense or seem hard to accept?

Read [Matthew 5:17-20](#).

- What do you learn about how to read Scripture based on this passage?
- What do you think it means that Jesus came to "fulfill" the Law and the Prophets (the Old Testament)?
- What are some parts of the Bible you are tempted to avoid?
- **Read [Matthew 5:21-22](#)**. Here, Jesus cites an Old Testament command and then points to the heart behind that command. How does this help you make sense of difficult or confusing passages?
- What is your response to friends who say that the Bible can't be trusted in a way that "makes room" for their experience?
- Share a time when the Bible came alive for you in a new way.

Go do it. (⅓ of meeting)

- Pick one passage that has always been difficult or confusing for you. This week, read it through the lens of Jesus (His life, death, and resurrection). Journal any insights or questions and come ready to share next week.
- Who do you want to bless this week? What is your plan?
- Pray over those we want to bless and that we may hear God's voice as we read Scripture throughout the week.