

# IT IS Written

## Part 3

### Big Idea

When considering a life of Christianity, people often question the validity of the Bible – and rightly so, because it is the foundation upon which our entire faith is built! In this week's message, Pastor Chris addressed many reasons why the Bible can be trusted, building in us a greater confidence in the truth of Scripture and motivating us to continue to learn the Word, grow in our love for the Word, and live out the Word in our everyday life. The first reason we can be confident in the legitimacy of the Bible is because it is historically accurate. The writers of the books of the Bible were eyewitnesses to its events, and the different nations and tribes described throughout the Word have been confirmed through archaeological study. The second reason we can trust the validity of the Word is that it is scientifically accurate. There are facts about the earth and biology recorded in the Bible that no scientist would have been able to know at the time of the writing. Only God could have written these truths during the time period in which they were written! The Word is also prophetically accurate, with more than 300 prophecies made about Jesus coming to fruition during his lifetime. The odds of that happening are completely unfathomable. Additionally, the Bible is thematically unified, despite the fact that it was written by 40 different authors over a period of 1,600 years. We can also trust the Word because Jesus trusted it. If we are going to trust Jesus, we have to trust what He trusted. Furthermore, the Bible has survived every attack against it for thousands of years. And finally, we can believe the Word is true because we can see in our own life that its truth has transforming power. So we have a decision to make. Will the Word or the world be the final authority in our life?

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" – John 5:39 NIV*

### Discussion Questions

- As a Bible teaching church we believe in the validity of the Bible. Discuss how the facts mentioned will help you when others approach you with questions about the truth and accuracy of God's Word.
- Which of the points in the message stood out to you most? Why? Explain how knowing the Bible's accuracy impact the way that you read it.
- Perhaps the greatest testimony to the authority of the Bible is our own personal transformation as we apply its truths. Talk about the Biblical truths that have changed you most.

### Prayer Focus

Thank God for giving you a flawless, truthful text upon which to build your faith. Make a commitment before Him that you will make the Bible the final authority in your life, even when you don't understand it, it's unpopular, or you even dislike it. Recognize before God that He is God and you are not. Thank Him for loving you enough to speak to you through His Word. Ask Him to help you grow in your love for the Word, learn His Word, and live out its truths every day.

### Next Step

As you read the Word this week, keep in mind the incredible accuracy of the text. Take it to heart, and apply it to your life! It will surely transform you .

### Leader Tip

As a leader, it is important that you are growing also. For resources to help you develop as a leader, visit: [www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups/leadership-development](http://www.churchofthehighlands.com/groups/leadership-development)