

St Luke's Church GREYTOWN

Who Needs God Study Series Part 2

Do you find some of the Bible's stories about God unsettling? Do you ever wonder how you can trust Jesus if it requires you to believe that everything in the Bible is true? Does Christianity seem like a fragile house of cards that may tumble down in the face of scientific or archeological discovery?

But before you abandon your faith, it's worth exploring this question: What if the Bible isn't the foundation of the Christian faith?

Discussion Questions:

1. What role does the Bible play in your faith? If you read it, why do you read it? What does it contribute to your relationship with God?
2. Do you think that if the historical accuracy of the Bible is undermined that it, by extension, undermines the Christian faith?

Why? Why not?

3. Some people argue that we can't trust the historical accuracy of the New Testament accounts of Jesus life, ministry, death and resurrection because they were written hundreds of years later with a political agenda.

What do you make of Harry's response to this argument in light of the sacking of Jerusalem by Rome?

4. Christianity made its greatest strides prior to Constantine ceased persecution of the church; before the Bible as we know it existed. Those Christians who faced awful persecutions believed in Jesus before the Bible told them so.

For them the key question wasn't "is the Bible true?" but "did Jesus rise from the dead?"

Which question do you think is more important?

5. For Christians the Bible is incredibly important. Do you think seeing the resurrection of Christ, not the primacy of the Scriptures, as central to the faith is dangerous or helpful? Why/why not?