

## **What The Word Says About The Word**

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This weekend we began a survey of the Biblical landscape on the veracity of God's Word. Specifically, we began to study, "What Does The Word Say About The Word?" Throughout the message, we looked at the temptation we have of doubting God's Word which leads to other challenges. We also looked at the fact that all 66 books of the Bible testify that every word is true.

Here are the notes from this past weekend...

## **What The Word Says About The Word Selected Passages**

### **THE TEMPTATION**

**Our enemy loves to say, "Indeed, has God said...?" or "Did God really say...?"**

**Here is why...**

**The enemy wants you to...**

**Doubt God's WORD**

**Doubt God's GOODNESS**

**Doubt God's JUSTICE**

**Doubt God's AUTHORITY**

### **THE O.T. TESTIMONY**

### **THE N.T. TESTIMONY**

### **THE LIVING TESTIMONY**

Please use any of the following questions if they prove to be helpful to you...

1. Why does the enemy want you to doubt God's Word? When we doubt God's Word, what are further consequences that take place? How have you seen this progression play out in the lives of believers and unbelievers?
2. When we meet people who question God's goodness, the fact that He is just or that He has all authority, what can we surmise from their convictions? When we start to think God isn't good or just or that He doesn't have all authority, where should we go and what should we do?
3. The Bible begins in Genesis 1:1 saying that, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." It lists a plural name for God in a singular verb for creation.

Later in Genesis 1, God's Word says, "*Let us* make man..." Do you find it interesting that we already see hints of our Trinitarian God in the first chapter of God's Word?

4. If God did indeed do what the Bible says by creating everything out of nothing in six days (Genesis 1, Exodus 20:11), then what other miracles in the Bible even come close to creation? If everyone really believed the Genesis account of creation, how would that shape the rest of their views about God's Word?
5. Isaiah 40:8 and Psalm 19:7-11 discuss characteristics of the Word of God. List some of them and discuss which ones are most important to you in this season.
6. John 1:1 starts by telling us who Jesus is and where He was during the creation story. Who is He and where was He? In John 1:14, God's Word tells us what Jesus became. How do you respond to the fact that the God who created everything out of nothing came to earth in the flesh? What is the significance of that?
7. Jesus made some statements about God's Word in Matthew 24:35, John 17:17 and Luke 9:26. What are some things we can learn about His belief in the Word of God?
8. Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is living and active? What is the claim the Bible is trying to make and how have you seen that realized?
9. How have you experienced the Bible dividing your soul and spirit or your joints and marrow? How has the Word of God ever judged the attitudes and intentions of your heart? Give an example.
10. This weekend was an overview rather than a preaching of one passage? What is the testimony the Word of God is making about itself? How are you challenged, encouraged, frustrated or exhorted by the testimony of the Word?