

## You Really Believe that?: Why the Bible Still Matters Series- “Why Should I Read the Bible?”

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*We are living during a time where we are being asked the question, “You really believe this?” about the Bible. Maybe you’re even asking yourself that question. When we look at the ways Jesus talked about the Bible, a helpful definition would be that the Bible is a library of books, both human and divine, that tell a unified story that leads us to Jesus. The temptation can often be to question or challenge the Bible and then pick and choose what we trust and obey. Instead of coming to the Bible to challenge it, will we allow the Bible to challenge us?*

### Getting Started

How would you define the Bible?

### Read

Matthew 22:41-44, Matthew 5:17-19, Luke 24:25-27

### Digging Deeper

1. Which one of these definitions of the Bible is hardest for you to believe?
  - a. The Bible is trustworthy
  - b. The Bible is authoritative
  - c. The Bible is living and active
2. “If you read the Bible as mainly about Israel, or mainly about you, it’s like reading with a cold heart and your eyes shut. When you discover it’s mainly about Jesus, and God’s purposes for the nations through him, your heart catches fire and your eyes are opened.”  
-Andrew Wilson

How has the Bible caught your heart on fire or opened your eyes in your relationship with Jesus?

3. Austin shared, “Instead of challenging the Bible will we take time to allow the Bible to challenge us?” Tell about a time when the Bible challenged you and your beliefs. Going a step further, how recently or frequently has the Bible challenged you?



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