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## Can We Trust the Bible?

This past weekend Pastor Ken continued the series, *Explore God*. We are joining 150 churches in the Bay Area to look at seven of the biggest questions people have. Over these weeks, we invite you to journey with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let us grow and do life together during this series.

*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.* 1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT

1. Everyone builds their life around words (including social media) or a sacred text. The question isn't if you have words that guide your life, but which words. What words have you allowed to guide your life? Followers of Jesus who call themselves Christians, their sacred text is the Bible. This weekend we looked at the question, how can I trust that the Bible is reliable? Read Luke 11:28, Acts 18:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and 2 Peter 2:11.
2. The Bible refers to itself as the word of God and is completely trustworthy because God was in control of its writing, and its words are entirely authoritative for our faith and lives. How much time do you spend in God's word? Don't just listen to someone else talk about the Bible but read it for yourself.
3. All the wisdom and knowledge you'll ever need in life are found in the Bible. The Bible is:
  - Our standard for testing everything that claims to be true
  - A safeguard against false teaching, and
  - A source of guidance for how we should live.
4. Pastor Ken shared how the Bible is the most reliable document we have from ancient literature. Through the years archaeologists have found evidence of many of the people and places the Bible speaks of. There are two thousand prophecies made in the Bible that have already been fulfilled. The Bible is the bestselling, most translated book in the world and the primary way that God speaks to us. He finished by challenging us to read the Bible more and for the next seven days to read the first seven chapters in the book of Mark.

Close in prayer