



BEREAN
SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:16

VERBATIM: Truth

2 Peter 1:20-21

Read Acts 17:10-11 below:

The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

? What is a Berean?

Source of Truth =
the Word of God

Relativism =
there are no absolutes

3 Reasons God's Word is the Truth:

1. I can trust the Bible for its objective truth.

- ? How many books of the Bible are there? Check your table of contents if you need to.
- ? Google the approximate number of human authors of the Bible (scholars differ on the exact number).
- ? Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and answer the question below:
 - o "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."
 - o What is the source of the Bible beyond the human authors?
- ? Read 2 Peter 1:19–21 and answer the questions below:
 - o "And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."
 - o How does this verse affirm 2 Timothy 3:16 and add to your understanding of the creation of the Bible?
 - o Look at verse 19 again. What do you think it means to "pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts"?

2. I can trust the Bible for its personal truth.

? Read John 17:17 and answer the questions below:

- *“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”*
- What is God’s Word? What does it do in the hearts of believers?
- Try to define “sanctification” together.

? Consider the past month. How have you experienced spiritual transformation through your time spent in God's Word? What verse or truth has prompted change in your life?

3. I can trust the Bible for its spiritual truth.

? Read Luke 24:25-27. According to Jesus, who is God’s Word primarily about?

? Read John 14:6. According to this verse, who is Jesus?

? Read Psalm 1:2 and Psalm 119:15–16. How should we interact with God’s Word?

? Read the following verses and discuss what you learn from each one about the purpose of God’s Word.

1. Psalm 119:9–11
2. Psalm 119:24
3. Psalm 119:50
4. Psalm 119:100
5. Psalm 119:105
6. Psalm 119:114
7. Psalm 119:175

Application:

Ask yourself these questions:

- ? Am I trusting the truth of Scripture?
- ? Am I reading, listening, delighting, and meditating on the Word of God?
- ? Do I know the One who is the truth?