

Week One: The Story of the Bible

Luke 1:1-4

- 1. Reflecting on your own experience growing up, how were you introduced to the Bible? Did you ever question where the Bible came from, or did you simply accept it as a complete and finished book?
- 2. Rob mentioned that "if you don't know the story of the Bible, it's hard to believe the stories in the Bible." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- 3. Share a time when you or someone you know struggled with believing certain stories in the Bible. What was the source of doubt, and how was it resolved?
- 4. What do you think motivated Luke to write an orderly account of the events of Jesus' life? How does knowing the purpose behind Luke's writing affect your understanding of his gospel? (Scripture Reference: <u>Luke 1:1-4</u>)
- 5. Discuss the significance of Jesus' resurrection in relation to the documentation of his life. Why do you think the early Christians considered this event so crucial?

(Scripture Reference: Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

- 6. How does understanding the historical context and process of how the Bible came together impact your perspective on its authority and reliability?
- 7. Consider the sacrifices made by early Christians to preserve and protect the writings about Jesus. What lessons can we learn from their dedication and commitment to these documents? (Scripture Reference: Acts 5:27-42; Hebrews 11:35b-38)
- 8. In what ways does knowing the story of the Bible make it easier for us to believe its contents? How can this knowledge deepen our faith and relationship with God?
- 9. Think about the analogy of receiving a book of poems from a relative. How does this analogy help illustrate the value and significance of the early Christian documents?

10. As Christians today, how can we honour the legacy of those who preserved the Scriptures throughout history? What role do we play in continuing this legacy?

(Scripture Reference: <u>2 Timothy 2:15</u>; <u>Jude 3</u>)