BELLEVIERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 THE BIBLE IS TRUE

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Speaker: Pastor Dino Rizzo, ARC Churches

ICEBREAKER

When is it appropriate to start decorating for fall?

Introduction

- We keep getting encouraged to join a small group. Why? What's the attitude you should have when you go?
- When you are seeking truth about a situation in your life, where is the first place you look for answers?

The Bible is True Because God is Truth

- Proverbs 30:5 reads, "Every word of God proves..." Share when you realized the Bible was true.
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. The Bible is intended by God to be used for teaching, for reproof for correction, and for training in righteousness. When was the last time you used it for this purpose in your life?
- How often do you read your Bible, and why do you read it?
- Do you look at the Bible as a place of truth for your life? Why or why not?

The Bible is True Because It is Scientifically Verifiable

- Do you struggle to connect history and science to the Bible? Why or why not?
- The Bible contains facts, people, places, and events that have proven to be verifiable. What do you think about that?
- Is the Bible still true today? How do you cope when you do not agree or understand something in the bible?

WEEK OF JUNE 11TH, 2023 LIVE FOR CHRIST IN AWE OF GOD (PHIL 2:12-18) Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette

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 Are you more interested in YOUR opinion on something or what God has to say about it? Why?

The Bible is True Because It is Authoritative

- Hebrews 4:12 reads, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. What does this mean to you?
- Share a time when you were in God's Word and found conviction in something you read. How did God's Word discern the thoughts and intentions of your heart?
- Pastor Dino shared in the Sunday sermon that the right mirror will always have the right reflection. But a wrong mirror will give you the wrong reflection. The Word of God is essential to our spiritual formation and what we're showing the world. What/who are you reflecting? What screens are shaping your reflection of yourself?
- How do you stand firm in God's Word when things are not going the way you want them?

ACT ON IT

COD ENCOURAGE

We believe the Bible is true because God is truth, it's scientifically and historically verifiable, and it is the authoritative rule of our lives. The Bible is truth determined by the One who is Truth. Every word of God proves true. The Bible isn't compiled with a bunch of make-believe stories, there is historical proof! The Bible contains scientific evidence and historical events witnessed by people first-hand. Most importantly, we believe the Bible because it is the guide to how we live our lives. The Word of God is an essential part of our spiritual formation. All scripture is breathed out by God and it's living and active. The Word is God. So how will you receive it?



ASK

What have you thought of the Bible up until now? Does it bring conviction in your life? Are your actions a reflection of what you hear and read from the Bible? Would others say you reflect the Word?

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CHALLENGE

See the truth by reading and studying God's Word. Open your Bible this week and read. Review God's Word over and over again. Look at new versions of the same section of text and take notes. Reflect on God's Word. Read it out loud and then think about what God's saying to you. Don't let seven days pass by where you don't open the Bible!

Lord, thank You for providing us with Your truth. Thank You for Your Word. Thank You that we don't have to doubt it because You are truth. Thank You for the growth and spiritual formation we get to experience because of Your Word. Help us desire to go deeper in Your Word, to read it more, review it more, and reflect it more. Open our eyes to new things as we read. Help us to approach the word with a spirit of humility and teachability. Make us both hears and doers of Your Word. We know that we are the truest reflections of ourselves when we're immersed in Your Word. We thank You and we praise You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.