

# Like a CHILD

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John 20:29-31

Where did the bible come from?

As you prepare for these questions, please ask the Holy Spirit for his help.

- 1) Just before the verses for this week, we read about Thomas who was confronted by Jesus about his unbelief. As you share your faith with non-believers, you could meet people who are like Thomas, wanting tangible evidence that Jesus is real. How do you respond to them?
- 2) If you believe that the Bible was written by people inspired by the Holy Spirit, why do you think some believers appear to be much stronger in their Faith than others?
- 3) Is there a difference between knowing the Bible and knowing Jesus? Another similar question may be, is there a difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus? How does a person move from one to the other?
- 4) Some say the Bible is a "Love Story" about the Creator to His Created and we are all part of His Story. Please discuss how you may feel about this view.
- 5) There is one central message consistently carried by all the different writers of the Bible: God, who created us all, desires a relationship with us. He calls us to know Him and trust him. What do you think?
- 6) What are your views on Testimonies? Consider some of the following in relation to this; The Bible is a collection of Testimonies; new believers give a personal testimony at their Baptism; Revelation 12:11 "and they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony". Consider also what Jesus said to Thomas at verse 29. How does this verse impact your view on Testimonies?



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- 7) Some might say that the Bible does not answer all the questions we might have. Many will say it does have enough to show us how to live with purpose and compassion and to rely on God for strength, direction and enjoy His love. What do you think?
  
- 8) Please encourage your group by telling each other how you approach your personal Bible study/reading time. What excites you during this time? Are you able to identify changes in yourself as a result of this special time in say, the last 12 months?

As you finish, please thank the Holy Spirit for His help.