

BIG IDEA

The Bible is inspired by God, and we can trust it because it is both inerrant and infallible. The one unifying theme of the Bible is Jesus. "We can take God at his Word and take Jesus at his Word. To follow him - to believe in Jesus means that you now follow him - and that includes following him and his view of Scripture. And he viewed Scripture as the very Word of God. As an authority over his life - so much so - that he fulfilled everything written in it on our behalf. He lived by this book and we - his followers - the people of God - are to live by this book. Be conformed by this book as we're transformed into the image of the One who gave his life - in loving obedience - for us."

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

- 1. Read Mark 16:9-20. What stood out to you in the reading?
- 2. How were you impacted by the message this week?
- 3. What does it mean that the Bible was inspired by God? What does this tell us about those who wrote it?
- 4. What does it mean that the Bible is both inerrant and infallible? Look up definitions for these words to help with your answer.
- 5. How does the Bible stand up to other literature of its day?
- 6. How do we know Jesus trusted the Bible as truth? How did Jesus respond to its authority over his life?
- 7. What are we to do with Scriptures like the one we looked at today?
- 8. In what ways is Jesus a unifying theme in Scripture?
- 9. What are we called to do with the Scriptures as Christ followers?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How have you personally been changed by the Word of God?
2. Does your life reflect the evidence of that change?
3. How will you take advantage of the truth found in Scripture and its authority?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life today?
5. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?
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Pray: Take time this week to pray for each Life Group member individually. At your next meeting, follow up with each other's prayer requests.

Read: Mark 16:9-20. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit https://www.gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Sing: Visit https://www.gatewayepc.org/news and listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Mark 16:9-20; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 14:6)

Love: How can your group show the love of Christ to our community in the coming month?