

## IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY 2 Peter 1:16-21

*"The bible is a reliable collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim that their writings are divine rather than human in origin."*

- Voddie Baucham

### Reasons To Take The Bible Seriously:

- The bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ of historical documents.
- The bible contains \_\_\_\_\_ written in the lifetime of \_\_\_\_\_
- Bible \_\_\_\_\_ is powerful proof that this book is straight from God.
- Jesus put his \_\_\_\_\_

We should take the message the bible seriously.  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and put it \_\_\_\_\_

### Small Group:

1. What is the best book you have read recently? Beside God, who is your favorite author?
2. On a scale of 1-10 how excited do you get to read the Bible and why? What is your favorite book or passage in the Bible and why?
3. How seriously do you take the Bible? How would your life be affected if the Bible was no longer available to you? How would you respond to someone who doesn't take the Bible seriously?
4. On Sunday, Mark gave four reasons we can believe the Bible is God's word. Which reason was most convincing for you? Can you think of any other reasons to believe the Bible is God's word?
5. God gave us the Bible not only to read and listen to, but also to apply to our lives. What insights do you see in the following passages that help you get to know the Bible better and apply it more consistently in your life?
  - Joshua 1:6-9
  - Deuteronomy 4:1-2
  - Deuteronomy 6:1-9
6. We all struggle at times with disliking or flat out disagreeing with what the Bible has to say about something. How have you responded when this has happened to you?
7. How much time do you spend reading and studying the Bible? What approaches have you discovered that have assisted you in this pursuit?
8. Take a moment to evaluate the level of attention you've been giving the Bible. Are there any changes you need to make in order to learn more about the Bible or to apply more of what you already know?

The challenge:

Pray for new or increased passion and desire to get into God's word and that it becomes a priority in life.