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Sermon Based Questions - January 11, 2015

Introduction:

1. When is the last time you did not believe what someone said and you said "Prove it"? Did their evidence convince you?
2. Describe when you tried to argue your way into something OR someone tried to argue you into something. Did anyone's mind change?

Understanding:

3. How do you feel and react when someone challenges your faith?
4. Christian bloggers have called the Newsweek article about the Bible "a hatchet job on the Bible". Read 1 Peter 3:15. How does the bloggers' approach line up with this scripture?
5. Someone said "There are no contradictions in the Bible, only apparent contradictions." Based on today's teaching, is that a good claim to make? Why or why not?
6. A liberal teacher scoffs "The Old Testament is full of people and places that never existed". What is a good way to respond to that scoffing?
7. Some critics believe that a bunch of politicians decided the key points about Jesus in the Bible centuries after Jesus. What is a good way to reply to these critics?
8. There are those who say that the early Christians were in it for selfish motives. Read about Stephen in Acts 7:54-60. How is this passage a great rebuttal to that argument?
9. Read Matthew chapter 20:29-34 and Luke chapter 18:35-43. Do you think these two accounts contradict each other? Why or why not?
10. Is it enough to convince someone that the Bible is true? What is the real issue?

Application:

11. Today's message really challenges us to know what we believe and why we believe it about the Bible. Pray about how this can change how you react when someone challenges your faith.
12. The differences between the old manuscripts of the Bible are called "textual variants". None of the New Testament variants affect how Jesus is the son of God, was crucified for our sins and was resurrected so that believing on Him gives us eternal life. Take the time to thank God for our salvation and that he provided us the Bible a trustworthy guide for our salvation and faith.