TOUGH TOPICS:REAL QUESTIONS

TEACHING TEAM PANEL DISCUSSION

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1. Can the Bible be trusted?

The Bible can be trusted because it is REAL

- There are more manuscripts of the NT than any other book from the ancient world.
- Numerous archaeological finds support it
- INERRANT: God is trustworthy
- INFALLIBLE: God's Word is trustworthy
- Bible Translations prioritize 1 of 2 things:
 - Word for word
 - Thought for thought

If it's true and you're wrong, would you want to know it?

- Just because you don't believe or understand something doesn't make it false
- Truth is telling it like it is whether you like it or not

2. What about those who have never heard the Gospel?

- God reveals Himself to everyone through His creation and attributes
- We must not only trust the Bible, we must trust the One who wrote it
- It's a call to action
- Is the real question a concern over the nature of God?



REVIEW • Chapters 1-3

- 1:1-5 · Jesus is fully God
- 1:6-13 · We have the right to choose the True Light
- 1:14-18 · Jesus was fully human
- 1:19-34 While <u>we</u> can make much of John the Baptist, <u>John the Baptist</u> made much of <u>Jesus</u>
- 1:35-42 Discipleship begins with the people closest to you
- 1:43-51 Jesus knows <u>everything</u> about you (great and small)
- 2:13-25 · Jesus is not always warm and fuzzy
- 2:1-12 · Jesus has the divine power to transform
- 3:1-8 The Kingdom of God <u>causes changes</u>
- 3:9-15 · Eternal life is found exclusively in Jesus
- **3:16-21 ·** What you <u>believe</u> about Jesus is a matter of <u>life</u> and <u>death</u>
- 3:22-30 · <u>Increasing Christ</u> in your life requires you to <u>decrease</u> your <u>ego</u>
- 3:31-36 · God is without measure