Small Group Discussion Guide
I’ve Got Questions

Can I Trust the Bible?
SERIES BIG IDEA
Even when facing big questions that don’t have easy answers, we can find solid reasons to move forward in faith, believing that the message of Christianity is true.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA
The Bible can be shown to be a reliable document, accurately recorded and transmitted through history, which means we can trust the Bible as a solid foundation upon which to build our lives.

OPENING QUESTIONS
1. What is one of your favorite books, why is it your favorite?

THE BIBLE AS THE STORY OF GOD
From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is one cohesive story about how God is redeeming all of creation in Christ. The scriptures have authority because the living God invites us to participate in this story of redemption that is still taking place today.

2. Have you ever been changed by a great story? (A movie, book, documentary, etc.) What was it about that story that changed you?

3. What are your earliest experiences of the Bible like (in your family, church, school, etc.)? How was the Bible used in these experiences? How have these experiences shaped your view of the Bible?

4. What difficulties do you face when it comes to the Bible (fear, confusion, boredom, skepticism, excitement, etc.)?

5. What questions do you have about the Bible?

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF SCRIPTURE
Read 2 Timothy 3:16

6. In what ways have you experienced scripture as a means for teaching you, rebuking you, correcting you, or training you?

7. What barriers stand in the way of scripture being a transformative part of your life?
MICRO GROUP
Get into smaller micro-groups of 3 or 4 for the remainder of this discussion guide. Micro groups should be same sex – all men or all women. Keep these same micro groups throughout this series.

8. When you read the scriptures, do you feel as though you actually meet with and connect with God? Why or why not?

9. What does your practice of scripture reading look like right now? How did you get to that point? Or what would you like your practice of reading the Bible look like?

H2O – Habits to Outcome
Spiritual habits (Bible engagement, prayer, accountability, journaling, and serving) lead to the outcomes of Character Transformation* and Calling Activation*. In this series we will focus on the habit of Journaling.

Last week we journaled about what we feel and think about Jesus’ claim to be the only way to salvation.

10. Share what you journaled with the group.

This week we will:
This week block out 30-45 minutes in your schedule to read John 15:1-17 slowly, carefully, and prayerfully. Before reading quiet your body and mind and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your thinking and feeling as you read. Read the passage multiple times and notice what words and phrases stick out to you. Journal about what sticks out to you and what God is saying to you through the passage. Block out the time in your schedule right now with your micro group so they can hold you accountable.

Close your micro group by praying for each other.

*Character Transformation means that your character is demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit as you become more like Jesus. (Galatians 5:22-23)

*Calling Activation means that you are living out your primary calling as a disciple maker. (Matthew 28:19-20)