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LIFEGroup Homework

For the week of: October 9, 2016

Speaker: Linn Winters: *"Can We Trust the Bible?"*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Our siblings and childhood friends have often been present during some of our most memorable times. What's a great memory you share with your siblings or childhood friends?
2. When you were growing up what was something that was almost impossible to believe?
3. What is the most outrageous "made up" story you have ever told?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Linn stated the Bible was written over a period of fifteen-hundred years on three different continents and in three different languages. For the person who does not believe in God, how do they explain its continuity and accuracy of prophecy?
2. Why do you think the "world" tries so hard to disprove the authority of the Bible?

What excuses did you once make to avoid church and God?

3. What is hardest for you to believe about some of the claims of scripture and why? (Below are a few to choose from or choose another.)

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| God created the world in six days | One of EVERY animal, male and female, were summoned to Noah's ark and survived a worldwide flood |
| God saved Daniel from the Lions | God saved Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the flaming furnace |
| God created the Rainbow as a sign to all mankind | Jesus was born of a virgin |
| Jesus raising Lazareth from the dead | Jonah, swallowed by a whale and surviving for 3 days? |
| Jesus raising Himself from the dead | An eternity in Heaven for all who believe |

4. Read Isaiah 52:13-15. How did God characterize the actions of the coming Servant through Isaiah's prophesy?

In verse 14 what does Isaiah claim about this future Servant's appearance?

5. Read Isaiah 53:1-10. What are all the claims Isaiah makes about this future Servant (Make a list below)
6. Isaiah states in verse 4 that this Servant would take our pain and suffering. Yet, we humans would claim that he was being punished by God. (In Luke 23 we read this happened.) Why do you think it was so easy for people to assign blame to Jesus while in fact he was sacrificing Himself for us?
7. Why do you think some people tend to despise those who suffer?
8. How did Isaiah say this future Servant would respond to mistreatment and suffering in verse 7? Read Luke 23:11-15. Did this event take place?

How likely was it that Isaiah made a lucky guess of Jesus' silence?

9. Why do you think Jesus, who was without sin, chose to be the bearer of our sin?

EXTRA CREDIT

What sufferings of Jesus (such as those described in Luke 23:1-56) were foretold in Isaiah 53?

TAKING IT HOME

1. If the claims of prophesy are true, and Jesus is the Savior of the world, what needs to change so our lives line up with Jesus?

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