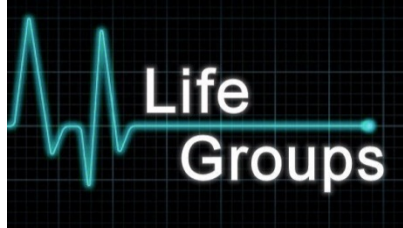


Fact, Fiction or Fantasy  
Week 2  
How?



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**GETTING STARTED (CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH IF YOU LIKE)**

1. *What do you miss most about childhood?*
2. *What's your passion?*

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Last week we stated that there were about 40 authors who wrote the books of our Bible over a period of at least 1600 years.

*How did God use each author's unique style and personality to bring His message to mankind? Explain God's part in the process.*

*How does a deeper understanding of these things help us today as we read and study the Word? How does it apply to the church?*

2. Of the 1600 years it took to write the books of the Bible, it is important to recognize that the Old Testament books were finished about 400 years before Christ came on the scene. The New Testament was written in only about 50 years. **Read 2 Peter 1:16-18**

*What significance is there to this 50 year period? Why were so many early Christians willing to die for the gospel? What is the core gospel message? What is the vision statement of GCWC?*

3. **Read 2 Peter 1:18-21** *What is the "message" compared to in v. 19? How much do you think the author's perspective factored into what was written concerning prophecy? (Vv. 20-21) Why is this important for us to understand?*

4. Fun Facts to Discuss:

Aristotle (340 BC), the Father of Science, credited the moon to be greater than the Sun, but ...

*What did Moses (1400 BC) write in **Genesis 1:16**?*

A few centuries ago people believed the earth was flat, but...

*What did Isaiah (750 BC) write in **Isaiah 40:22**?*

Hipparchus, the Greek astronomer, counted 1080 stars in about 140 BC & believed by Ptolemy 300 years later to be accurate, but... *What did **Jeremiah 33:22** say around 600 BC? We now know that there are at least 100 septillion stars.*

Stars are not in a fixed position, they are moving apart from each other. *What did **Job 38:31** write almost 4000 years ago?*

**Read Matthew 24:35, Read John 5:39, & 2 Timothy 2:15**

*Share how the Bible has helped you in your spiritual journey or what it means to you? What's next in your spiritual journey?*

**TAKING IT HOME**

Ask the Holy Spirit you open your heart and mind to a whole new level of understanding and application as you read, meditate, and study His Word each day.

**This Week's Scripture Readings:**

Monday: John 12:48

Tuesday: Exodus 24:4

Wednesday: Acts 17:10-11

Thursday: 1 Thess. 2:13

Friday: John 20:31

Saturday: Psalm 12:6-7