

## Can we really trust the Bible?

2 Tim. 3:16-17.

1. Do you think that Mahatma Gandhi has a point when he claimed that “...Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature.”
2. What do people you know (who aren't followers of Jesus) say about the Bible? Is it similar to Ed Boyd?
3. Why shouldn't we be embarrassed about the feasibility of miracles?
4. In which way do you (or people you know) view the Bible as contradictory?
5. In which way is telling others about the Bible a bit like hooking up your best mate with a girl you know? What was the point of Steve's story?
6. What is the key to reading and understanding the Bible?
7. Steve suggested that there were two opposite errors when we come to understanding the Bible—liberals and literalists. What were their mistakes?
8. In which way can something be true without it being literally true? How might this statement help us when reading the Bible?
9. How do we begin to get our heads around the bloodshed and slaughter of the OT? How did Steve approach this difficulty?
10. Steve provided 5 reasons why he believes the Bible is trustworthy—manuscripts; archaeology; prophecy; survival under attack; it works. Can you remember what points he made?