



**Student Template**  
**15 – 21 January 2023**

**CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?**  
**Philemon 1:1-14**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE(S)**

Micah 6:8  
2 Samuel 13

**HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

“Historically, the majority of African-Americans have consistently believed the Bible to be the *infallible* and *trustworthy* Word of God, and the foundation for life and godliness. However, today, many African-Americans and Black Christians have expressed concerns about the validity and trustworthiness of the Bible.”

**Definitions**

- **Authoritative:** Possessing supreme authority on all matters of life, truth, and reality.
- **Special Revelation:** The act of God revealing Himself in Holy Scriptures.
- **General Revelation:** The act of God revealing Himself in creation or nature.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1. Can we trust the Bible? What did you think before you were saved? What did you think after you were saved?**

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**2. What does the Bible teach about the authority of Scripture?**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS *(Continued)***

**3. What are the prescriptive and descriptive texts? How do you identify them?**

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**4. How has the Bible been used to marginalize and dehumanize African-Americans?**

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**5. What are the dangers of interpreting Scripture in isolation?**

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**WORD OF THE WEEK TO REMEMBER**

*“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV*

**PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**Leadership (That God will bless all the leaders of our church to fulfill His will for ministry.)**

**GROUP DISCUSSION**