

8. Has anyone ever told you that they don't believe that the Bible is God's Word? What did you say in response? How do you think you might be able to use the acronym MAPS to show evidence?

9. How have you seen God's Word living and active in your quiet time with Him?

10. What are some tips you can share with the rest of the group that help you keep a consistent devotional time with God?

What have you traded God's Word for?

FOUR REMINDERS of the value we have in God's Word:

1. The Bible is the **INSPIRED** words of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. The Bible is God's **LOVE LETTER** to man. (John 3:16-17; Mark 6:34)
3. The Bible **REVEALS** all we need to know about God. (Luke 16:19-31; Psalms 19:7)
4. The Bible teaches us how to live holy **LIVES** and to share the **LOVE** of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 12:14)

FOUR TOOLS to use in defending God's Word (MAPS):

1. The evidence found in **MANUSCRIPTS**. (Luke 1:1-3; John 21:24-25)
2. **ARCHEOLOGICAL** consistently confirms the Bible. (Genesis 41:45; Joshua 6:20; Isaiah 20:1)
3. More than 500 fulfilled **PROPHECIES**. (Luke 4:16-21)
4. **STATISTICAL** consistency of the text. (Hebrews 4:12)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of June 20, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. An atheist group at the University of Texas, San Antonio had a campaign to rid the campus of Bibles through a program called the Smut for Smut campaign. What would be your response if this happened on your college campus or work place? If they asked you your opinion what would you say to them?

2. How has the Bible been anything more than a good book to you? How often do you read it? Has that been enough time for you to get to know God?

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How has this been true for you? How has it equipped you for every good work?

4. If someone off the street were going to ask you what the story line of the Bible is, what would you tell them? What stories in the Bible could you show them that this is a love story about Jesus?

5. Read Psalms 19. What did King David think about God and His Word? How can we begin to have or maintain this same affection for God and His Word? What are some things that keep us from God's Word?

6. In 2 Peter 1:16, the author Peter states the claim that none of what you are reading in God's Word has been made up but are the true accounts of eyewitnesses. Why is that important to your faith?

7. Read 1 John 1:1-14. Why do you think John had to say these things? What evidence could you give of God in your life? Apparently for John, sharing these things made his joy complete—can you say the same about your life? Why or why not?