

**PURPOSE CHURCH**

**SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am**

APRIL 12, 2026



# WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

## NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a *next step* to take. We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?  
Do you want to get baptized?  
Do you need hope, healing and support?  
Are you looking for meaningful community?

Head to: [purposechurch.com/nextsteps](https://purposechurch.com/nextsteps)



# EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

### PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!  
Please stop by the prayer room  
after the service or submit a  
prayer request online.  
[purposechurch.com/prayer](https://purposechurch.com/prayer)

### GIVING

We believe that generous people  
transform the world! Offering  
boxes are available in the lobby on  
Sundays or you can give online.  
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# HOW CAN YOU TRUST THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE?

April 12, 2026 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

## GREAT RESOURCES FOR GREAT QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD, FAITH, AND THE BIBLE

- **Sermon Slides + Notes:** [purposechurch.com/greatquestion](https://purposechurch.com/greatquestion)
- ***The Problem of God*** by Mark Clark
- ***I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist*** by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek
- ***The Reason for God*** by Tim Keller
- ***Confronting Christianity*** by Rebecca McLaughlin
- ***Simply Christian*** by N. T. Wright
- ***10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity*** by Rebecca McLaughlin
- ***The Case for Faith: Student Edition*** by Lee Strobel
- ***The Case for Christ: Student Edition*** by Lee Strobel
- ***Case for A Creator for Kids*** by Lee Strobel
- ***Case for Christ for Kids*** by Lee Strobel

## 4 QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED REGARDING THE BIBLE'S RELIABILITY?

**Q1:** What makes the Bible different from other religious texts?

**Q2:** Has the Bible really predicted the future?

**Q3:** Isn't the Bible full of contradictions and inaccuracies?

**Q4:** How can I get the most out of the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Peter 1:20-21

Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

## FOUR ERRORS CRITICS OF THE BIBLE MAKE

*Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek*

- **#1 - Assuming that divergent accounts are contradictory**  
*Example:* One angel (Matthew 28:2) or two angels (John 20:12) at the empty tomb.
- **#2 - Failing to understand the context of the passage**  
*Example:* Psalm 14:1b — “there is no God.” Complete verse: “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”
- **#3 - Presuming that the Bible approves of all that it records**  
*Example:* The Bible records Solomon and others practicing polygamy but commands monogamy (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6).

- **#4** - Forgetting that the Bible is a human book with human characteristics  
*Example:* Acts (narratives), Song of Songs (poetry), Psalms (prayers), Isaiah (prophecy), Romans (theological treatises), 1 Timothy (personal letters), etc.

John 5:39-40  
1 Timothy 4:13, 16  
Hebrews 4:12  
Psalm 1:1-2

Listening to or reading the ***Bible daily will change your life forever!***

“For now, treat the ***Scripture*** of God as the ***face of God***. Melt in its presence.”  
— *Saint Augustine, North African Theologian, 354-430 AD*

NEXT SUNDAY:

**HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THERE'S ONLY  
ONE TRUE FAITH?**

## REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

1. **REFLECT:** Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How have you personally experienced God's Word teaching, rebuking, correcting, training, and equipping you to obey and follow Christ?
2. **DISCUSS:** Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. If someone asked you why you believe the Bible is reliable, what evidence would you provide and how would you explain the impact it's had on your life?
3. **DISCUSS:** Read Psalm 119:65-68. Many in our world claim the Bible is harmful and unhelpful, what historical evidence and personal experience do you find most convincing to refute that claim?
4. **DISCUSS:** Read Psalm 1:1-2. Why is it important for Purpose Church to anchor our teachings, practices, and authority in God's Word, the Bible?
5. **PRACTICE:** For the next 7 days\*, fast from social media, music, movies, and other media—and instead, only read or listen to the Bible. \*Unless you'll get fired from your job or fail your class.

*For more life group, reflection, and discussion content, and to join or start a group, visit: [purposechurch.com/groups](https://purposechurch.com/groups)*

