

THE BIBLE

THE WORD OF GOD

TEACHING NOTES

Who wrote the Bible and what does it contain?

- All scripture is breathed out by God to ready us for every good work.
 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- The Bible contains 66 books, 2 Testaments (Old Testament & New Testament), over 40 authors, 3 languages, and was written over the course of 1800 years.
- Penned by prophets, priests, apostles, disciples, and eyewitnesses; The Bible is God-breathed, meaning God spoke it to holy men who recorded it and passed it down. It was written as a revelation from the heart of God to men so we can know who God is, His desires, and His wishes.
- It contains prophesy, poetry, history, stories, promises, and doctrine.
- It also records flawed men and women, their mistakes, and the mercy of God dealing with flawed human beings
- The ultimate apex of the Bible: the revelation of the living word, Jesus Christ—who we read about in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

How does the Bible fit into our world?

- The Bible is the only book that when you read it, it reads you!
- Given to humanity as a gift, it gives us what we need to be spiritually strengthened
- Archaeologists have tried to disprove the Bible for years, but every archaeological find has been consistent with the Word of God.
- Science does not contradict the Bible, science and physics affirm it.
- Those changed by the message of the Bible affirm it, its spiritual truth and reality.

How should I approach the Bible?

- Read it.
 - Begin in the book of John
 - Find a reading program that works for you. You may want to consider a plan for New Believers, the YouVersion Bible App, or audio versions.
 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 (NKJV)
 - “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)
 - Memorize It
 - “Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:111 (NKJV)
 - Study It
 - Attend weekly church services

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

What is the Bible: The inspired Word of God.

Who inspired/breathed the Bible?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16

Why do I have the Bible?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Is the Bible still relevant to me today?

Read Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 24:35

Why is the Bible important for me to read?

Read Romans 12:2, John 8:31-32, Romans 10:17, Ephesians 6:10, James 1:22

How do I read my Bible?

1. Get someplace quiet where you can focus on what you're reading.
2. Find a plan. You may want to start with our New Believer Reading Plan on the Foundations of Faith main page.
3. Begin by praying that God would reveal Himself to you, and fill you with understanding as you read.
4. Let God's Word change you and the way you think.
5. Journal about what you've read and what it means to you.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for loving me and revealing Yourself to me through the Bible. Help ignite a hunger in me to know You more. I pray that as I open Your words, You reveal Yourself to me in a greater way. Change my thoughts as I align them with Yours. Thank you for continuously pursuing me; help me to pursue You more. In Jesus' name, Amen.