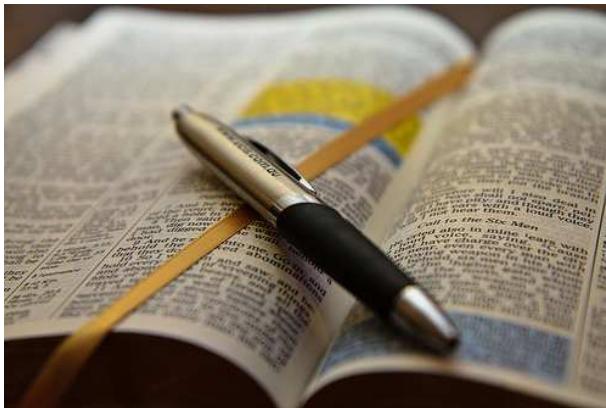


Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week One
What is the Bible

What is the Bible?

- Jesus said, "*It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God*" **Matthew 4:4**
- "*For prophecy never came by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*" **2 Peter 1:21**
- "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God*" **2 Timothy 3:16**
- "*The Scriptures cannot be broken*" **John 10:35**
- "*Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing*" **Luke 4:21**
- "*Has not the Scripture said*" **John 7:42**
- "*For these things were done that the Scriptures might be fulfilled*"
John 19:36
- "*For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or tittle will by no means pass from the law, till all is fulfilled.*"

Matthew 5:18

Why You Can Believe the Bible

Who wrote the Bible?

- The Bible was written over a span of 1500 years, by 40 authors

How does Science support the Bible?

- Earth's creation is covered in 31 verses in the first chapter of Genesis – Moses wrote this 3500 yrs ago - scientists have found his description and their findings to be in complete agreement
- As scientists study the creation of the universe and life on earth, they have found that it happened in exactly that order

There is one central message consistently carried by all 40 authors of the Bible: God, who created us all, desires a relationship with us. He calls us to know him and trust him

Why is it important to study the Bible?

The Bible remains the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain you as a Christian in your walk with God

- Truth: "Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth" ***John 17:17***
- God's blessing: "But He said, 'More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it'" ***Luke 11:28***
- Victory: "...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" ***Eph. 6:17***
- Growth: "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" ***1 Pet. 2:2***
- Power: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" ***Rom. 1:16***
- Guidance: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" ***Ps 119:105***

Why does this matter?

- There is only one true God. This God created us, loves us, and wants to have a relationship with us
- We can have a personal relationship with God through faith in his Son, Jesus Christ
- The Bible is God's Word. God used human authors to write the words of the Bible, so the Bible is influenced by human language, culture and history
- However, God showed the human writer what to write through the Holy Spirit
- God gave us the Bible to show Himself to us and to teach us how we can have a personal relationship with God
- We do not study the Bible only so that we can know about God. We study Bible so that we can know God personally and so that we can know His will for our lives