

## Week 1: WHAT'S THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT?

### LEARN

- ☐ Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12-13
- ☐ Read the article: "Inspiration of Scripture"

► What do these passages say about what the Bible is and why we can trust it?

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► From these passages, what are some of the things the Bible is meant to do?

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- ☐ Read Genesis 1-2 and Isaiah 43:7-11

► Why did God create man and all things? How was man to live that purpose out?

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► How might knowing that indicate what the Bible is about?

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- ☐ Read the article: "The Authority and Inerrancy of Scripture"

► How would you describe the difference between the "authority" and "inerrancy" of Scripture to someone?

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- ☐ Watch the video: "What is the Bible" (6-min)
- ☐ Look at the graphic: "The Books of the Bible"

► How would you describe what the Bible is about in a few sentences from this short video & lesson?

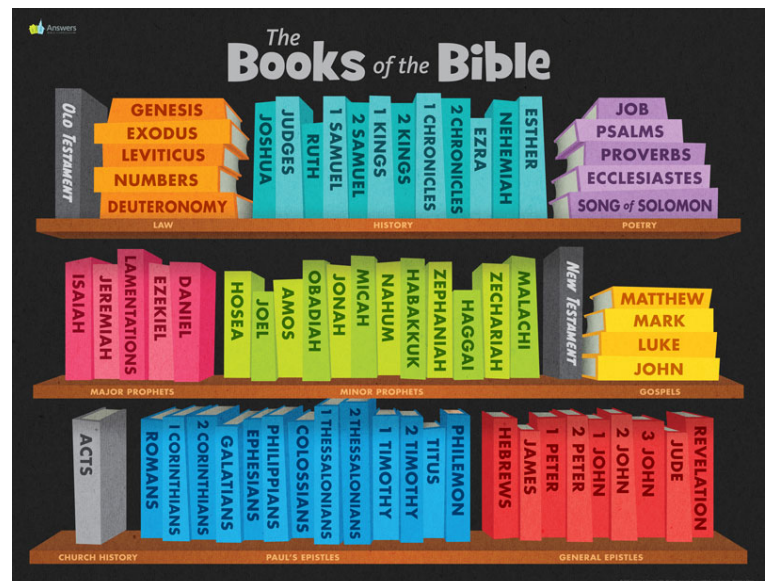
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## EQUIP

- How do you personally view the Bible, it's inspiration and authority in your life?

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- How would you rate your desire to know God through his Word, and for God's Word to change you?

<i>None</i>	<i>A little</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>A lot</i>
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- What's an area of your life you feel you most need God's Word to speak into right now (Satisfaction in life, marriage, work, parenting, a current trial, etc)? How would you hope it would impact that area?

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- What's one way you hope to be impacted by this group and study?

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## PRAY

**Read the following verses slowly. Pause at times to speak to God as you read.**

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Psalms 19:7-8, 10-11 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes... More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Luke 11:28 - But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Matthew 4:4. But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

### Additional Resources

- Read (book): ["Jesus Storybook Bible"](#) by Sally Lloyd-Jones (for kids and adults!)
- Listen: ["Overview of the Whole Bible"](#) (D.A. Carson)
- Watch: ["How to Read the Bible Correctly"](#) (10-min)

## Week 2: THE BIBLE IS A STORY

### LEARN

☐ Read Genesis 3; Matthew 1; Ephesians 2:1-10; Revelation 21:1-4

► How do these chapters describe the story of the Bible as seen through these 4 stages?



☐ Watch “The Story of the Bible” (5-min)

☐ Read “The Story-Line of the Bible”

► Describe each part of the story in your own words.

Creation: \_\_\_\_\_

Redemption: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Restoration: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Optional But Recommended:

☐ Watch: Overview of the Bible in 17 Minutes



☐ Watch: “Old Testament Overview” (12-min)



☐ Watch: “New Testament Overview” (8-min)



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## EQUIP

- Discuss why everyone have some sort of worldview and how it affects their life depending on what it is.
- Creation (God, where came from, purpose in life, value, morality, etc)
  - Fall (sin, suffering, injustice, natural disaster, etc)
  - Redemption (salvation, hope, justice, ability to change, grace, forgiveness, etc)
  - Restoration (what happens after death, judgement, eternity, etc)

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- How should being created in the image of God but also sinful/depraved impact how we see ourselves?

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- How should knowing Christ died so we could be with God forever impact how we see ourselves?

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- In what ways might you live inconsistent with this story? Where do you need to align your life and story more to that of the Bible?

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**Eph. 2:1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. **4** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **6** And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—**9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### Additional Resources

- Watch: [Overview of the Bible in 17 Minutes](#)
- Listen: [“Overview of the Whole Bible”](#) (D.A. Carson) (34 min)
- Read (article): [“Reading the Bible as One Story”](#)