



Spiritual Bootcamp

Session 2: Word of God

The Word of God

1. Definition

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man, His creation. The Bible forms one continuous story; the story of humanity in relation to God. From the beginning to the end, the Bible has one great theme; the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

The Bible contains 66 books; 39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament. They were written by 40 authors over a period of 1500 years. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and Aramaic the New Testament was written in Greek. The books were broken down into chapters in the 13th century, and into verses in the 15th century.

2. Read Hebrews 1:1-3

In these verses we see that God's Word is a progressive revelation.

Sundry times

Diverse manners

Times past

Unto the fathers by the prophets

In these last days

Unto us by/in/His son (The express image of His person).

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What portion of the scripture is inspired by God?

The word "inspired" in this verse means "God Breathed". It is as if God spoke it Himself. (See Genesis 2:7)

What is God's Word profitable for?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4

4. Characteristics of the Word of God

The Word of God (1 Peter 1:23, 25)

The Word is (Hebrews 4:12)

My Word will (Luke 21:33)

The Gospel of Christ is (Romans 1:16)

The Word of God is (Psalms 119:89)

5. How do I know the Bible is reliable and without error?

2 Peter 1:20-21 assures us that God's Word is true and reliable. Note: There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament fulfilled during the life and ministry of Jesus. If we analyze the probability of one person fulfilling just eight, the probability would be 1 in 10 with 17 zeros after it! We can understand why Peter declares that the written word of prophecy is more sure.

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that all Scripture finds its origin in God.

Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie.

What does the following verse tell us about the Word of God?

1 Peter 1:10-12

What does this say about the reliability of God's Word?

Because the Bible is reliable we need to be faithful to study and apply its truths to our lives daily.

Maybe you have tried to study the bible in the past, and you could not understand it. It was confusing, dull, boring, but now that you are a Christian, and God has put his Spirit in you, you will be able to understand its deep riches.

1. How to study the scriptures: Isaiah 28:9-13

Precept upon precept: a precept is an established fact of God's Word, i.e., "all have sinned"; "God is love"; "Jesus has risen".

Line upon line: The systematic story line of scripture that ties the established facts of God together.

Here a little, there a little: The use of foundation facts of scripture to understand other portions of scripture.

Note: The New Testament is contained in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament is explained in the New Testament.

Remember: Because the Bible is inspired, we need the Holy Spirit to help us understand it.

The man without the Spirit does not understand the things that come from God. 1 Corinthians 2:14.

The Holy Spirit (Greek - Parakletos - One called alongside to help) will teach us and help us to remember. John 14:26.

2. One method of studying God's Word is given below. There are many others.

Turn to Mark 4:35-41 and read the passage. Now, answer the following questions from these verses:

Who? What is said about the person or people involved? What does the person (people) say?

What? What is happening? What are the events, in what order?

Where? Where is the event taking place? Where are people going to or coming from?

Why? Why is this story included? Why here in the text? Why does one person say what he does? etc.

When? When did the events take place?

Wherefore: So what? What difference would it make in my life if I were to apply this truth

Notes/Questions

Assignment:

Read Psalm 119:89-176, memorize Psalms 119:18, and pray for one another.