

The Bible

Lesson Focus:

To deepen or form your conviction that the Bible, God's Word, can be trusted more than your feelings, values, opinions, and culture.

What is the Bible?

The Bible is _____ Word communicated through the words of _____ which progressively reveals one redemptive plan from Genesis to Revelation.

The Unity of the Bible:

- ***Written over _____ years***
- ***Written by some _____ different authors***
- ***It presents one way of salvation - _____***
- ***It has one unifying personality - _____***

One Unifying Personality:

- Law - _____ for Christ
- History - Preparation for Christ
- Poetry - _____ for Christ
- Prophecy - Expectation of Christ
- Gospels - _____ of Christ
- Acts - Propagation of Christ
- Epistles - _____ of Christ
- Revelation - Consummation in Christ

Understanding Three Important Words

- Revelation – God's disclosure of _____ about His nature and will (Ezek. 38:23)
- Inspiration – The completed process by which God gave us His _____ Word (2 Tim. 3:13)
- Illumination- The ongoing process by which the Holy Spirit throws light on God's Word so we can _____ it (Luke 24:45)

Distinctives of Inspiration

- It applies to the _____ manuscripts
- It extends to the very _____ that are used
- It is a divine-human _____
- It necessitates inerrancy

Key Passages on Inspiration

- 2 Timothy 3:16 reveals the _____ of inspiration
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 reveals the _____ of inspiration
...but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost...
- Matthew 5:18 reveals the _____ of inspiration
For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

The Character of the Bible:

- *It is authoritative*
- *It is _____*
- *It contains no errors*
- *It is _____ of error*
- *It is unified*
- *It is _____*

How were the 66 books recognized?

- *Did the book _____ to be from God?*
- *Was the book written by a _____ of God?*
- *Does the book tell the _____ about God, etc.?*
- *Does the book reveal the life transforming _____ of God?*
- *Did the original _____ recognize the book as being from God?*

How did we get our Bible?

- *Inspiration by _____ (2 Tim. 3:16)*
- *Recognition by the _____ of God (Ex. 24:3; 1 Tim. 4:11, 13)*
- *Collection & _____ by the people of God (2 Pet. 3:15-16)*

Qualifications of a good Bible student:

- *A _____ heart (1 Cor. 2:14)*
- *A _____ heart (1 Pet. 2:2)*
- *An _____ heart (Ps. 119:98-100)*
- *A _____ heart (Matt 7:7)*
- *A _____ heart (Is. 50:4)*
- *A _____ heart (1 Thess. 5:17)*
- *A Spirit- _____ heart (John 16:13)*

Steps in Studying God's Word:

- **Observation** – What does the passage _____?
- **Interpretation** – What does the passage _____?
- **Correlation** – Where does the passage _____?
- **Application** – How should I respond _____?

Always Remember:

- **The Law of Interpretation and Application** – Every passage of Scripture has but _____ interpretation, it may have MANY applications
- **The Law of Context** – Each passage of Scripture is illuminated by what immediately _____ or _____

How should I respond to the truths in the Bible?

- **With awe** (Ps. 119:120)
- **With delight** (Ps. 1:2)
- **With appreciation** (Ps. 119:72)
- **With praise** (Ps. 119:62)
- **With joy** (Ps. 119:111)
- **With love** (Ps. 119:47, 97)
- **With obedience** (Deut. 5:32; James 1:22, John 14:15)