

# CHAPTER 5 - GOD & HIS WORD

## ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What is your favorite book? (You can't say the Bible!) Why is it your favorite?

## INTRODUCTION

The Bible is a fascinating, glorious, and life-giving book of books. It was written across 1,500 years in three different languages, across three continents. It's a book of books—sixty-six of them, in fact. This book of books is divided into two sections—the Old Testament and the New Testament. It includes many different genres of writing, including history, sermons, letters, songs, poems, architectural plans, family trees, and various other forms. It was written by over 40 human authors from every background (kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, poets, scholars, etc.). It's not the product of any one generation, guru, people, ethnicity, or culture. In short, the Christian Scriptures are multiethnic, multicultural, and global.

The Bible is one, unified story that centers on the person and work of Jesus Christ. As the word of God about himself, it's filled with power, life, light, wisdom, and the way of salvation. Therefore, if we want to know God, we must take the Bible seriously and learn to understand it diligently

## DISCUSSION

- What is something new you learned in the Scriptures this week? Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
- Pick 2-3 "Study" questions from the chapter to discuss. Here are a few possible places to start:
  - Exercise 2, Study Question 1
  - Exercise 3, Study Question 4
  - Exercise 5, Study Question 2

## APPLICATION

- Reflect together on your answers to Exercise 2, Study Questions 3 & 4.
- Pick 1-2 "Reflect" and "Respond" exercises to discuss. For example:
  - Exercise 4, Respond

## PRAYER

During your prayer time today, look at this week's section of [aletheia.org/establishing](http://aletheia.org/establishing), where you'll find a link for Faith Confessions. Pick a Faith Confession topic that is relevant to your group and read it out loud together. Then pray together that God would continue to form you and give you victory by his Word.