

## The Word of God

### Purpose

- To establish that the Bible is God's inspired word.
- To understand that the Bible is standard of our lives.

### Introduction

- This study should be done either after J4 or after Discipleship.
- Have a good review and talk about the last study.
- Prayer before study.

### Outline

#### 1) General Information about the Bible

- The Bible contains 66 different, written from about 40 different authors, over a period of about 1600 years (1500 BC-100AD).
- The authors were all different kinds of people, Kings, peasants, priest, prophets, poets, fishermen, doctor, scholars, etc.
- The history recorded in the Bible is accurate. Thousand of facts in the Bible have been proven archaeological discoveries.
- The Bible has been translated into more languages than any other book in the world.
- The Bible has been the best selling book in the world for many decades.

### TEN REASONS WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD.

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1. *on the ground of the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
2. *on the ground of its fulfilled prophecies.*
3. *on the ground of the unity of the book.*
4. *on the ground of the immeasurable superiority of the teachings of the Bible to those of any other and all other books.*
5. *on the ground of the history of the book, its victory over attack.*
6. *on the ground of the character of those who accept and of those who reject the book.*
7. *on the ground of the influence of the book.*
8. *on the ground of the Inexhaustible depth of the book.*
9. *on the ground of the fact that as we grow in knowledge and holiness we grow toward the Bible.*
10. *on the ground of the direct testimony of the Holy Spirit.*

## 2) The Word for our lives

- 2 Tim 3:16-17      All scripture is inspired by God.  
It is useful for our lives.  
The Bible can equip us for every good work.
- Hebrew 4:12-13    The Word is living and active.  
The Word cuts and sometimes hurts.  
Are we willing to believe and obey the Bible even when it hurts?
- 2 Peter 1:20-21    The Bible is God's message to man.  
Men wrote the Bible as the Holy Spirit guided them.
- John 8:31-32        Intellectual belief alone is not enough.  
True disciple is someone who holds to the teaching of Jesus.  
The truth will set us free.
- Matthew 15:1-9    Are we following the tradition of the elders or the command of God?  
God wants us to follow him and obey his Word.  
Will you live by the Bible more than feelings, traditions, desires, etc?
- Acts 17:10-12      Why were the Bereans of more noble character?  
Are you willing to let God's Word be the standard for your life?
- James 1:22-25      Here is the Bible is likened to a mirror. Why?  
How should we respond to the teaching in the Bible?
- John 12:48          The Word of God will judge and determine our eternal destiny.

### Optional Verses:

- 1 Tim 4:16            Life and doctrine are both important.  
1 Sam 15:22-23      Obedience is better than sacrifice.  
Ps 119:105           We all need God's Word for direction of life.

### Practical challenges

- Read the bible everyday.
- Pray everyday.

### Memory scripture: 2Tim 3:16-17

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped for every good work.