

Believe Series
“The Bible”

How do I know God and His will for my life?

The Bible is the word of God. (God breathed)

All Scripture is inspired by God...

2 Timothy 3:16a (NLT)

*Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground.
He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man
became a living person.*

Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

**We believe the Bible is the inspired word of
God that guides our beliefs and actions.**

*Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever
came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human
initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and
they spoke from God.*

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

The Bible has authority. (to guide our life)

*...and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize
what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and
teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip
his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16b-17 (NLT)

*Joyful are people of integrity,
who follow the instructions of the Lord.
Joyful are those who obey his laws
and search for him with all their hearts.
They do not compromise with evil,
and they walk only in his paths.
You have charged us
to keep your commandments carefully.*

Psalms 119:1-4 (NLT)

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.*

*I’ve promised it once, and I’ll promise it again:
I will obey your righteous regulations.*

Psalms 119:105-106 (NLT)

The Bible is unfailing. (it changes lives)

*“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord.
“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.*

*For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

*“The rain and snow come down from the heavens
and stay on the ground to water the earth.*

*They cause the grain to grow,
producing seed for the farmer
and bread for the hungry.*

It is the same with my word.

*I send it out, and it always produces fruit.
It will accomplish all I want it to,
and it will prosper everywhere I send it.*

Isaiah 55:8-11 (NLT)

*For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the
sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit,
between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and
desires.*

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

All of scripture points to Jesus.

*In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He existed in the beginning with God.
God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.*

*The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.*

John 1:1-4 (NLT)

There's an app for that.

What do you believe?

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read Believe Chapter 4: The Bible.

1. What are some books you remember making a deep impact on you as you read it?

How did you change as a result of reading it?

2. Why don't people read more these days?

How do you think that the decline in reading affects people's ability to know God through the Bible?

3. Re-read 2 Peter 1:20-21. Have you ever doubted the Bible as the word of God?

How (or DID) you get to a place of faith in the Bible as Gods word?

4. Re-read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. If the Bible is really Gods word why don't more people follow its teaching?

What parts of the Bible do you struggle with, or are tempted to ignore?

5. Re- Read Hebrews 4:12. How have you experienced Gods word as 'Alive and powerful' in your own spiritual life?

When has a passage in the Bible cut you to the bone?

6. How can you take action to engage the Bible more regularly in your life?

Download the Bible app and start a reading plan. Maybe a 5-day plan to get started. (Try: How to read your bible)