

Group Guide

Ice-Breaker Questions

1. What is one message, note, call, or conversation you'll never forget?
2. What makes it hard to listen well when someone is speaking?

Reflection Questions – Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

3. Josh said that God is not silent, distant, or detached. Why does it matter that God speaks? (Hebrews 1:1-2)
4. What can creation tell us about God? What can it not tell us? (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20)
5. Why is conscience not enough to bring us to salvation? (Romans 2:14-15, 2 Timothy 3:15, and 2 Timothy 4:2)
6. Paul says Scripture is “God-breathed.” Why does it matter that the Bible is both God’s Word and written through real human authors? (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
7. How does the unity of Scripture strengthen your confidence that God is the author behind the authors? (Luke 24:27)

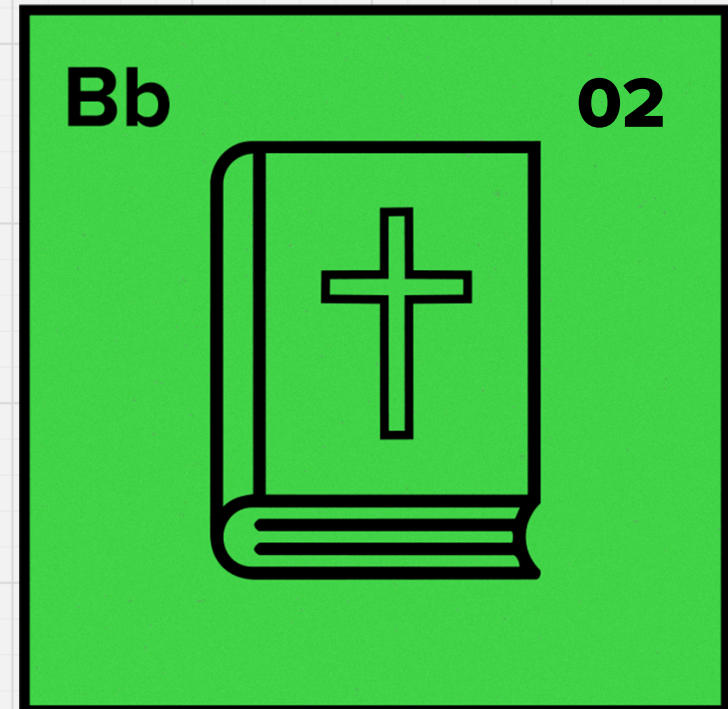
Action-Oriented Questions

8. The Bible is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training. Which of those do you need most right now? Why? (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
9. Where are you most tempted to stand over Scripture instead of sitting under it? (James 1:22-25)
10. What is one specific step you can take this week to receive, trust, or obey God’s Word more faithfully?

Prayer Focus: Pray that God would make us people who receive His Word, trust His Word, obey His Word, and build our lives on His Word. Ask Him to use Scripture to show us Jesus, confront our sin, strengthen our faith, and lead us in truth.



The Bible



Elements of Faith

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We believe... *The Bible is the inspired, trustworthy word of God. It is the final authority for life and faith.*

Two types of revelation:

1. **General: What God shows _____, everywhere.**

- _____ (Psalm 19:1 and Romans 1:20)
- _____ (Romans 2:14-15)
- _____ (Psalm 19:1 and Romans 1:20)

2. **Special: God makes Himself known _____ and specifically.**

- Dreams (Genesis 28:12-15; Matthew 1:20-24)
- Visions (Isaiah 6:1-8; Daniel 7:1-14; Acts 10:9-16)
- Angels (Genesis 19:1-22; Judges 6:11-24; Luke 1:26-28)
- Miracles (Exodus 14:21-31; 1 Kings 18:36-39)
- Prophets (Genesis 28; Acts 10:9-16)
- Clearest: _____ (Hebrews 1:1-2)
- Primary: The _____

Teaching Text:

¹⁴ *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.* (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Personal Notes: _____

The Bible is...

- _____
 - *All Scripture is God-breathed...* (v. 16)
 - God-breathed does not mean God dictated the Scriptures.
 - God-breathed mean God prompts human authors to remember and to write down what God has said or done.
 - *'Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered.'* (Exodus 17:14)

2. _____

- *...you have...become convinced of...* (v. 14)
- Reason 1: It tells one unified story.
- Reason 2: The quantity of manuscripts.

The Bible versus other credible ancient writings:

Work	Number of manuscripts	Gap between the original & earliest manuscripts
Tacitus' <i>Annals</i>		900 – 1,000 years
Herodotus' <i>Histories</i>		1,300 – 1,400 years
Caesar's <i>Gallic Wars</i>		About 950 years
Plato's <i>Dialogues</i>		About 1,200 years
New Testament (Greek manuscripts)		Within about 50 years

New Testament (including other languages)		

- _____
 - *...for teaching, rebuking, correcting & training in righteousness...*(v. 16)
 - Every person either stands:
 - _____ the authority of Scripture.
 - _____ the authority of Scripture.
 - The real test: Do we obey when we disagree?