Worship & Ministry Meeting

The church in Madison

Week 1 The Bible





"In regard to this Great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book."

- Abraham Lincoln



William Tyndale (1494-1536)

Published the first English New Testament based on the original Greek manuscripts in 1526. The Tyndale Bible survived the book burners, but he did not.

Tyndale's translations live today as some of the most often-quoted words in the English language:

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"Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3)

"And the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32)

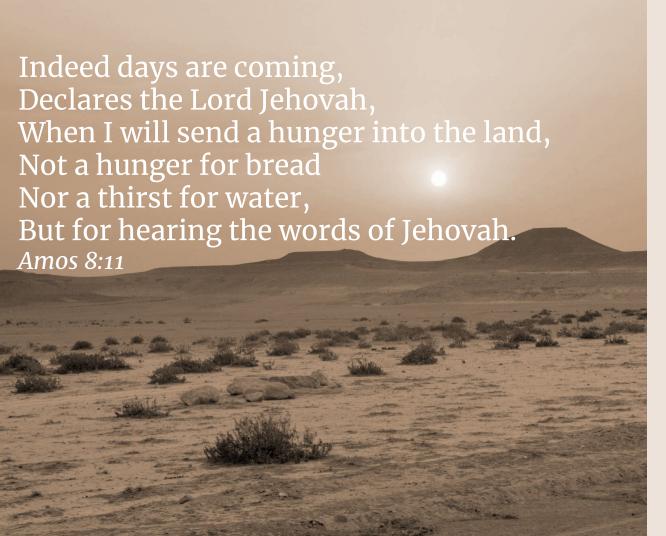
"Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)

"Let my people go" (Exodus 5:1)
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Lord, open the King of England's eyes!



Plaque on the front of South Hall, (Bascom Hill)UW-Madison



54,945 Bibles sold every day in the U.S.

115,055 Bibles are given away or distributed every day The spiritual inheritances that God has given us: the Spirit and the Bible

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

2 *Tim.* 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

The Spirit within and the Bible without must be balanced.

To know the Bible requiring the exercise of <u>the spirit</u> and the training in <u>the mind</u>

2 *Cor.* 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but <u>the Spirit gives</u> <u>life</u>.

Matt. 13:23 But the one sown on the good earth, this is he who hears the word and understands, who by all means bears fruit and produces, one a hundredfold, and one sixtyfold, and one thirtyfold.

The origin of the Bible

- 2 *Tim.* 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed.
- 2 *Pet.* 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.

Heb. 1:1-2 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son.

John 16:12–13 I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.

The Bible being the embodiment of God the Spirit

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Group Discussion

- 1. Read the six verses to the right with your group.
 How many <u>functions</u> of the Bible can you find?
- 2. If you have any questions about today's message ask your group mates.
- 3. Take turns in your group to share what impressed you the most about the Bible in our meeting this morning.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.

2 Tim. 3:15 And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Pet. 1:23 Having been regenerated not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, through the living and abiding word of God.

1 Pet. 2:2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,

Matt. 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

2 Tim. 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

The Bible Reading Challenge

Over the past 10 years, hundreds of students have signed up for our 1-year New Testament reading program. Many completed the New Testament for the first time in their lives.

To participate, <u>download our app</u> (go to link on our Instagram profile). The app includes a built in reading schedule which will begin Monday, Sept. 9.

To receive daily notification reminders, click on settings, Notifications, and turn on Bible Reading.

