

# 2022 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

## The “Other Books”

### Big Idea

Skeptics have tried to discredit the Bible at every turn. They have accused the Bible as a book only put together by man, and altered for their own benefit. People have asked why certain books have been “chosen” by man to be placed in the canon of Scripture, without realizing that man has only recognized the God-given Scripture that has come to be known as the Bible

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

The Bible is inspired by God and given through those who walked closely with Him. It is profitable for teaching and guiding the church, and meant to be read by the body of Christ. And its main purpose is to guide us into the righteousness that Jesus has given to us. Knowing this gives us confidence in the Word that we read from God.

### Discussion Questions

1. What have you heard other people say about the Bible? How has that shaped your view of the Bible in the past, or even now in the present?
2. Have you ever wondered why these specific 66 books were considered Scripture? Have you ever heard of any of the “other books” before Sunday?
3. Why do you feel like it matters to know which books are recognized as Scripture and which one's are not?
4. How does knowing why certain books are recognized as God's Word help you to read God's Word?
5. What does it mean to you to believe in God's Word? Is that something that comes easily, or has it been a struggle for you?

### Prayer Focus

Father, lead us to believe You in Your Word. Teach us to trust these divinely inspired books You have given through the Bible. When we have doubts, remind us of Your goodness and mercy, that You have shown through your Son. It's in Jesus name. Amen.

### Next Steps

On the Sundays nights of February 20th, 27th, and March 6th, from 6-7pm, we are having our first Equip Seminar of the year, called “How to Read Your Bible.” So many people ask us, where do I start, how do I understand this, what is the Bible telling me to do?...There will be childcare for your kids, so we have you covered. Go ahead and register through the Rescue House App for this free event.

### Bible References

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Nehemiah 8:1-2, Luke 24:44-45, Matthew 23:34-35,  
1 Timothy 5:17-18, 2 Peter 3:15-16, Isaiah 40:8