

**The Bible:
What it is?
How do I read it?
Why is it awesome ?**

Study Guide: Part 2

SUMMARY

We know from our study last week, in 2 Timothy 3.16-17 and 2 Peter 1.20-21, that the scriptures are both divine and human. They are God-breathed, but also penned by human authors. This is our understanding of inspiration which we defined as, *the simultaneous work of God and a human author in which the Holy Spirit moved the human author through their personality and within their historical context to record God's perfect word*. In the next few messages, we'll be looking into the *human* side of this a little more. This past Sunday we covered aspects of transmission which seeks to answer the question, "How were the scriptures written down?" While the message perhaps felt more like a Bible college class than a sermon, the information is important to grasp for any Bible reader.

GROUP QUESTIONS (*For use with your family, roommates, Community or Bible Group, or individually*)

Share something from message or passages that surprised, encouraged, or troubled you.

Read Exodus 24.1-8; Exodus 31.18; Deuteronomy 31.24-27; and Genesis 5.1. These were the initial passages covered in the message to demonstrate that God did command Moses to write down the first books of the Bible. Discuss these passages. What do we learn from them?

Read Joshua 1.8-9. What connection is there between this passage and how the Pentateuch concludes?

From what you know about the rest of the OT story leading to Jesus, how does Israel do with keeping God's instructions/laws?

Have you given much thought to the idea that from the beginning of Israel's history as a nation they were to be a people shaped by the Bible (books of Moses)? Discuss the significance of this.

Read Luke 1.1-4. According to Luke, *how* was his gospel written and *why*?

Read John 20.30-31. Why did John write his gospel?

Reflect on the following questions.

Have you become convinced by reading the scriptures that Jesus is the Christ? Do you have life in his name?

Do you trust the Bible? Do you trust that God's word is good? Is your posture *over* the word as a judge or *under* it as a learner?

RESOURCES

The Journey from Text to Translations, Paul D. Wegner

The Bible Project Podcast: *How to Read The Bible*