Understanding the Bible

Pastor Joe Johnson

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Bible Quiz

Is the Bible in Chronological order?

How many books in the Bible?

How many in the Old Testament?

How many in the New Testament? _____

How many people did God use to write the Bible?

How long did it take?

Bible Quiz

Is the Bible in Chronological order? <u>No</u>

How many books in the Bible? <u>66</u>

How many in the Old Testament? <u>39</u>

How many in the New Testament? <u>27</u>

How many people did God use to write the Bible? <u>40</u>

How long did it take? 1500

Divisions of the Bible

Max Anders divides the Bible into 6 parts:

OT: 1. Historical 2. Poetic 3. Prophetic

NT: 1. Historical 2. Pauline Epistles 3. General

Do you find studying the Bible difficult? Why? Why Not?

Why should we study the Bible?

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is <u>quick</u>, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a <u>discerner of the thoughts and intents</u> of

the heart.

Define terms that stand out to you with a Bible Dictionary.

Observations: What do you see or don't see in the text? Read the text multiple times, multiple translations. Do not try to deduce meaning at this point.

Investigations: What is the history, culture, time period, conditions surrounding the text. How does this verse fir with other verses, the book, other books of the Bible

Meaning: What is God saying to His people? What point is God trying to convey to the audience, to us?

Application: How do I live me life differently because I what I know? What changes do I need to make? Who can I get to support me in this change effort?