

## **GOD-BREATHED**

**“What is the Bible?”**

### **5 Things You Need to Know/Understand about the Bible**

1. The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book.

2. The Bible is an \_\_\_\_\_ book.

3. The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ of books.

*How did they decide which books to use and which to throw out?*

4. The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book.

5. The Bible is an \_\_\_\_\_ book.

*Message given by Pete Goodman*

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Passages: 2 Timothy 3:10-17, Matthew 5:17-18      Date: Sunday 4/30/2017

### Sermon-Based Life Group Materials

#### GETTING STARTED

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Begin your personal, or group time, with watching these videos.

##### Media Content:

1. Right Now Media (login needed – ask your group leader, or contact Matt at matt@risecitychurch.com): [www.rightnow.org](http://www.rightnow.org) “How We Got The Bible” – Tim Mackie.

2. pursuegod.org <http://www.pursuegod.org/what-is-the-structure-of-the-bible/>

What did you learn, or find interesting?

#### BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

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“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever” (Isaiah 20:8). What is the bible and why is so important to Christians and to the Christian Church? This week’s message centers around 5 essential things we ought to know and understand about the bible. God has set a standard by which we live our lives and yet, at times it can be difficult to understand how and where we got it from. To understand where the bible came from will give us confidence in it’s message and application to our lives. Our hope is that through understanding how we received God’s word, you will be more inspired to dive deeply into it’s message of grace and truth it reveals.

#### STUDY & SHARE

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1. Begin your discussion with sharing with each other what you have been reading and what you have heard God saying to you during those times. If you haven’t been reading, share why and what you feel needs to change in order to begin.
2. Have you struggled to hold the bible as the authority of you life and faith? Why? What information would help you be more willing to submit to the bible’s authority in your life?

3. The Bible is an ancient book written over thousands of years and in multiple languages, which can make understanding it difficult. Even the cultural context of the bible must be translated into ours. In light of these things, do you feel the bible is relevant and trustworthy? Why?
4. Reading the bible can feel overwhelming given the size and scope of the scriptures. This at times leads people not want to engage at all.
  - a) Which part of the Bible are you most familiar with? Why?
  - b) Which part(s) of the Bible do you know the least?
  - c) Which parts of the Bible are you most interested in studying? Why?
5. The last point of this week’s message was that the bible is an “affective book” – meaning it’s personal and it has a transformative purpose in our lives.
  - a) In what ways has the reading and studying of God’s word changed or added to your life?
  - b) What is one recent text or topics have you studied that has assisted you in your faith?

#### GROUP CHALLENGE

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Last week we suggested reading and studying a book together (Proverbs, Ephesians, John or Mark). Decide what you will be reading/studying this week and what you will discuss for next week’s group time.

#### FOR PRAYER & SUPPORT

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Spend time praying as a group – thanking God for his word and it’s power to change the world and our lives personally. Ask God to guard your hearts as you read and study it to make sure you never allow the Bible to become just another book.

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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What did you find most interesting about this week’s message?

What didn’t make sense that you would like more clarity about?