



Session One: Background

Part of a four week group study to understand and enjoy the Word of God.

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The Bible is God's words to us. When we have a healthy relationship with someone, we listen to what they have to say. That's the case with the Bible. God has many words that He is speaking to us all the time. Words that teach us about Him, about ourselves, about our world. Words that can protect us from destructive paths, words that can build us up. Every time we open up the Bible, God opens His mouth.

Background of the Bible

What is *isn't*:

- a science textbook
- a cultural artefact
- a spiritual goodie bag

What it is:

2 Timothy 3:16–17: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

What does this verse say the Bible is? About what it can be used for?

- “God breathed”
- a manual
- a story
- beautiful

How did Jesus view the Bible?

John 10:35: “...Scripture cannot be set aside...”

Matthew 5:18: “For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

Questions

How would you define what the Bible is?

How does Jesus’ view of the Bible affect yours?

What are some of the difficulties/boundaries/issues that you bring with you when you read the Bible?

What might be some ways through these?

Think of two other people in your life who aren’t believers, what would they say about it?

What are their difficulties/boundaries/issues?

What might be some ways that you could help them through these?

Reading the Bible is more than an intellectual exercise, it’s a spiritual discipline! Pray together about some of what came up in your discussion.