


DISCOVERING WHAT WE BELIEVE: Week 6- The Bible

| *STUDY GUIDE*

EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

VIDEO LINKS

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You Tube -  [Discovering What We Believe - About the Bible](#)

INTRODUCTION

In this week's teaching, we discuss the profound impact of the Bible, describing it as the most influential book in history due to its significant cultural and moral contributions across various domains. We look at the Bible's unique authorship, claiming it is inspired by God and without error or contradiction, serving as the sole authority for faith and practice.

TERMS + DEFINITIONS

The Bible- is a collection of 66 books written over the scope of approximately 2000 years(1900 BC to 100 AD) from 3 different continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe). The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. It also contains different kinds of writings. These include:

- Historical Narrative
- Law
- Poetry
- Wisdom Literature
- Prophecy
- Apocalyptic Literature

ICE BREAKER

What book has influenced how you live your life the most?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read [2 Peter 1:20-21](#). What does it mean for the Bible to be 'inspired by God'? How does this influence your understanding of its authority?

Think about a time when you felt inspired to do something. How does that experience shape your perspective on how God may inspire us through the Bible?

- The sermon mentions that the Bible has influenced various aspects of life, such as politics, human rights, and the arts. Can you think of a specific example of how the Bible's teachings might have impacted society?

Consider an issue in today's world. How might the teachings of the Bible offer guidance or a different perspective on that issue?

- Read [Hebrews 4:12](#) and [Colossians 3:16](#). What does the statement 'the Bible is our sole authority for faith and practice' mean to you? How does this differ from the idea of living by personal truth?

Reflect on an area of your life where you rely on your own understanding. How might studying the Bible change or inform your viewpoint in that area?

- Read aloud [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#). It says that all Scripture is 'God-breathed' and useful for teaching. What do you think 'God-breathed' means, and how can we apply this to our daily lives?

What problem or challenge in your life could be helped by wisdom from the Bible? Go to biblehub.com, look up a topic, and read the passages. You want to read it in the context of the book and chapter. Also, consider it against what the Bible says throughout. Give a specific example.

Why do you think the Bible is often considered the most owned but least read book? How do you feel about your engagement with the Bible?

What steps can you take to increase your engagement with the Bible? Are there resources or support that could help you in this journey?

PRAYER

- Ask God for guidance in understanding the Bible better this week
- Pray for an openness to explore different beliefs and ideas presented in the sermon
- Ask for strength to apply the teachings from the sermon in daily life