

# DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

## LESSON 1

## THE BIBLE

*“... from infancy you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”*

*2 Timothy 3:15-17*

1. The Bible lets us know salvation comes from Jesus
2. All of the Bible is inspired by God
3. What does salvation mean to you?

*“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”*

*2 Peter 1:21*

1. Holy men of God wrote the scriptures
2. These men spoke as they were guided by the Holy Spirit
3. Can you trust the Bible writers even though they wrote in a different age?

*“But the word of God stands for ever. And this is the word that was preached to you”*

*1 Peter 1:25*

1. The Word of God endures forever

2. Do you like the thought of people 'preaching' at you?

*"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope"*

*Romans 15:4*

1. The scriptures were written to help us learn
2. They were also written that we might have hope
3. What gives you encouragement in the Bible?

*"Do your best to present yourself before God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth"*

*2 Timothy 2:15*

1. A study of the scriptures enables us to find out what truth is – to know what is right and wrong
2. But we are all human, what happens if we get things wrong? Does the following text give you some encouragement? What does it say to you?

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

1. What does the text say to you about being saved and then about what we do after we are saved?
2. Does this passage tell us that God has any say in how we live our lives after salvation?

3. What do you think good works are?

4. What do you think good works do for us?

5. What do you think good works do for God?

*"If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."*

*John 7:17*

1. If we set out to do God's will, we shall know which teachings are from God and which are from human sources
2. If you followed Bible teaching would it have any affect on your life? Would this help someone find out if the teachings are from God and worth following?
3. If teachings are from God should we follow them all?