

# Bible Study

## The Bible: God's Story and Our Guide – June 3, 2026

### 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..."

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## Icebreaker

What is your favorite book of the Bible, or what Bible story has had the biggest impact on your life?

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## Opening Question

If someone asked you, "Why should I read the Bible?" how would you answer?

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## Biblical Context

Paul writes 2 Timothy near the end of his life. He is encouraging Timothy to remain faithful to God's Word in a world filled with false teaching and confusion.

Paul reminds Timothy that Scripture is not merely a collection of human ideas. It is God's revelation to humanity and provides everything necessary for spiritual growth and godly living.

# Point 1: The Bible Is God's Word

## Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is God-breathed..."

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## Biblical Insight

The phrase "God-breathed" means Scripture originated with God.

Although God used human authors, the message ultimately comes from Him.

The Bible was written by approximately 40 authors over a period of about 1,500 years, yet it tells one unified story of God's redemption of humanity.

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## Discussion Questions

What does it mean that the Bible is "God-breathed"?

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Why is it important to know that Scripture comes from God and not merely human opinion?

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How has your relationship with God's Word changed as you've grown in your faith?

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Can you think of a time when a particular scripture encouraged, challenged, or guided you through a difficult situation?

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## Point 2: The Bible Tells One Story Through Many Books

### Scripture

Luke 24:27 (NIV)

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

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### Biblical Insight

After His resurrection, Jesus met two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were confused and discouraged because they did not understand how the events surrounding His death fit into God's plan.

Jesus responded by walking them through the Scriptures, showing them how the Law, the Prophets, and the writings all pointed to Him.

Although the Bible contains 66 books written by many authors over hundreds of years, it tells one unified story: God's plan to redeem and restore humanity through Jesus Christ.

At the same time, each book contributes something unique to that story.

Genesis teaches us about beginnings.

Psalms teaches us worship, prayer, and trust.

Proverbs teaches wisdom.

The Gospels reveal the life and ministry of Jesus.

Acts tells the story of the early church.

The Epistles teach believers how to live faithfully.

Revelation points us toward God's ultimate restoration.

Understanding both the larger story and the purpose of individual books helps us read the Bible more effectively.

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## Cross Reference

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."

## Discussion Questions

When you read the Bible, are you usually looking for what a particular passage says, or how that passage fits into the larger story God is telling? Why?

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In Luke 24:27, Jesus explained how the Old Testament spoke about Him. What does this teach us about the connection between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

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The Bible is divided into the Old Testament and New Testament, which are often called the Old Covenant and New Covenant. What do you think the word "covenant" means, and why is it important to understanding the Bible?

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How does understanding God's promises in Scripture help you navigate challenges in your own life?

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## **Point 3: The Bible Is Meant to Transform Us**

### **Scripture**

James 1:22 (NIV)

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

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### **Biblical Insight**

The goal of Bible study is not simply information.

The goal is transformation.

Many people know Bible facts.

Fewer people allow God's Word to shape their lives.

Knowledge without obedience leads to spiritual stagnation.

## Discussion Questions

What habits or practices help God's Word take root in our hearts and change the way we live?

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What is the difference between reading the Bible to know more about God and reading the Bible to become more like Him?

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Why is it dangerous to know God's Word but not apply it to our lives?

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Psalm 119:11 says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." What do you think this verse teaches about the importance of remembering and internalizing God's Word?

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How is "hiding God's Word in our hearts" different from simply knowing Bible verses?

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What is one thing you hope to learn as we journey through the Bible this summer?

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## **Bible Overview Section**

### **Old Testament**

39 Books

Law (Genesis–Deuteronomy)

History (Joshua–Esther)

Poetry/Wisdom (Job–Song of Songs)

Major Prophets (Isaiah–Daniel)

Minor Prophets (Hosea–Malachi)

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### **New Testament**

27 Books

Gospels (Matthew–John)

Church History (Acts)

Letters/Epistles (Romans–Jude)

Prophecy (Revelation)

## **For this upcoming week read:**

### **Weekly Reading Assignment**

#### **Old Testament Focus**

- Genesis 1–3
- Genesis 12:1–9
- Genesis 50:15–21

#### **New Testament Connection**

- Romans 5:12–21