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PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET

12 EPISODES

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Episode 1

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we explore the origin and structure of the Bible. We learn that while animals live by instinct, humans are the crown of creation designed to live by divine instruction. The Bible acts as God's necessary instruction manual, revealing His character and will in ways that nature alone cannot.

Part 1: How We Know God

List three things that we learn about God through Natural Revelation.

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List three things that we learn about God through His written word.

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Part 2: The Holy Scriptures

The Bible is the only **sufficient**, **certain**, **authoritative** and **infallible** standard of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience given to us by God.

Reflect on what the words in bold mean about the Bible:

Sufficient:

Certain:

Authoritative:

Infallible:

Part 3: Facts about the Bible

Circle the total number of books in the Bible:

- A. 66 B. 72 C. 80

Circle the correct period over which the Bible was written:

- A. 500 years B. 1,500 years C. 2,500 years

The three original languages the Bible was written in are Hebrew, Greek, and

The Bible was written on three continents: Asia, Europe, and

The Bible was written by at least number of writers.

Part 4: Activity – Canon or Apocrypha?

Check the box where the book belongs:

| Book Name | Old Testament | New Testament | Apocrypha |
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| 1. Ruth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Jude | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Tobit | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Ezra | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Titus | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. 1 & 2 Maccabees | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part 5: Personal Prayer

Write a short prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you remove cultural filters so you can read the Bible clearly and get to know God as He reveals Himself:

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Episode 2

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we examine the objective reasons for believing the Bible. We move beyond subjective feelings to understanding the Bible as a collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses. We also address common skeptical arguments, such as the claim that the Bible is a myth or has been corrupted by translation.

Part 1: Why Do You Believe?

1. **Reflection:** Write down your honest answer. Why do you believe the Bible is true?

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2. The speaker shared a quote by Dr Voddie Baucham, the Bible is “A *reliable collection of **historical documents** written by **eyewitnesses** during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses; they **report supernatural events** that took place in **fulfilment of specific prophecies** and claim that their **writings were divine** rather than human in origin.*”

Reflect on what stands out to you about this definition of the Bible.

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Part 2: Answering the Skeptics

How would you respond to these statements based on today's episode?

Statement A: "The Bible is just a game of 'Telephone' (Chinese Whispers). It has been changed too many times."

- **Your Response:**

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Statement B: "The Bible is just propaganda written by religious men to control us."

- **Your Response:**

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Part 4: Personal Application

The speaker said, *"Now that we know the Bible is true... we must desire to know it."*

- What is one thing you will do this week to increase your knowledge of the Bible?

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Part 5: Prayer Focus

Write a brief prayer thanking God that He did not leave us with myths, but with a reliable historical record of His love.

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Episode 3

WHAT IS THE STORY OF THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we learn that the Bible is a collection of 66 books that weave together into one single story. The central theme of this entire story is Jesus Christ. From the fall in Genesis to the "Grand Finale" in Revelation 21, God is unfolding a plan to redeem sinners and dwell with His people.

Part 1: The story of the Bible

Starting from the fall of humanity in Genesis, explain in a few sentences and in your own words, the big story of the Bible.

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Part 2: The four questions of understanding

Exercise

To understand the Bible correctly, it is important to ask these four questions every time you read. Pick one "famous" Old Testament story (like Noah, Daniel, The Passover in Exodus etc). Read it again and answer the following questions to put into practice what you have learnt in this episode.

1. What is the story about?

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2. What is the story so far? (Where are we in the timeline?)

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3. What do we learn about how God does things? (What does this reveal about His nature?)

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4. What do we learn about how God does things through Jesus/How does the story connect to Jesus?

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Part 3: Reflection

The Incomplete Story: The speaker mentioned that when reading the Old Testament, it can feel "unfinished."

- *Question:* Before today, did you struggle to see how the Old Testament related to your Christian walk? How has this view changed?

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Part 4: Prayer Focus

Write a brief prayer asking God to open your eyes to the threads that connect the whole Bible to the beautiful redemption story of Jesus:

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Episode 4

HOW SHOULD I CORRECTLY INTERPRET THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we learn foundational principles for interpreting the Bible. We learn that:

- Scripture interprets scripture.
- Context interprets scripture.
- Intent interprets scripture.
- The clear interprets the obscure.

Second, we distinguish between **Indicatives** (what God has done) and **Imperatives** (what we must do), ensuring we obey God out of gratitude rather than an attempt to earn salvation.

Part 1: Give a brief explanation of what each of the four principles of interpreting scripture mean:

1. Scripture interprets scripture

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2. Context interprets scripture:

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3. Intent interprets scripture:

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4. The clear interprets the obscure:

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Part 3: Reflection:

What happens to a Christian's walk if they focus only on the Imperatives (rules) but forget the Indicatives (what Jesus did)?

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Part 4: Prayer Focus

Do not try to live out the Word of God through your own effort or self-righteousness, rely on the grace made available through Jesus Christ to enable you to live out your life as Christ has demonstrated. Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you in this.

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Episode 5

WHAT ARE THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO ASK OF THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we use the story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch to learn that asking questions is the key to moving from confusion to clarity. We explore "Basic Questions" (context) and "Powerful Questions" (intent). Finally, we learn that true application begins with self-transformation; we cannot effectively share a message that has not first changed us.

Part 1: Case Study

Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25 - 37 below and answer the basic questions (who, what, where and when) and powerful question (why and how) about the passage:

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Answer the basic questions:

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Answer the powerful questions:

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Part 2: The Rule of Application

There is a temptation is to read a verse and immediately think, "My spouse/friend needs to hear this!" **But** what has not **transformed** you, will not **transform** somebody else.

List two verses that you've read before and have thought that it's speaking to someone else:

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Meditate on the above verses and ask God to reveal to you how it speaks to you.

Episode 6

HOW DO I APPLY THE READING OF THE BIBLE TO MY LIFE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we address the vital relationship between **Context** and **Application**. The speaker warns against the "shortcut" of simply picking nice-sounding verses to "claim" without doing the hard work of understanding the background. We learn that every author had a specific transformational intent, and we must align our application with that original purpose.

Part 1: The Trap of Shortcuts

Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25 - 37 below and answer the basic questions (who, what, where and when) and powerful question (why and how) about the passage:

1. Why could it be dangerous to single out one verse and claim it?

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2. Before rushing to apply a piece of scripture, what is important for us to do??

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3. Why is it important to wrestle with scripture and ask questions in order to draw out correct application?

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Part 2: Case Study – Philippians 4:13

The speaker gave an example from 2 Timothy 1:7 of how we must be able to ask good questions to understand the context and draw out proper application. Apply the same principle to this popular verse below by reading a larger portion of scripture surrounding it and answering the questions that follow.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

1. Who is writing this book? Who was it addressed to?

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2. What were the circumstances of the author and his readers?

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3. What was the intended meaning of this portion of scripture?

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4. What appropriate real-life application can you draw out?

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Part 3: Personal Reflection

Do you tend to read the Bible in snippets (social media posts, daily verse apps) or do you dedicate time to read full chapters, books and the full Bible as a whole?

Part 4: Prayer Focus

Write a prayer asking God to give you the patience, stamina and hunger to do the hard work of studying His word.

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Episode 7

HOW THE BIBLE SHOULD INFLUENCE OUR FRAMEWORK

Episode Summary

In this episode, we explore the concept of "Frameworks" – the internal lenses shaped by our past experiences and culture. We learn that dangerous misinterpretation happens when we force the Bible to fit our framework. Instead, we must adopt the principle that "Text is King," allowing the living Word of God (Hebrews 4:12) to judge our thoughts and reshape our worldview.

Part 1: What is a Framework?

1. How would you describe what Framework is in your own words?

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2. Have you ever read the Bible through your own framework instead of letting the Bible shape your framework? How did this affect your understanding and application of scripture?

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Part 2: Reflect

When was the last time the Bible "judged" an attitude you held?

Episode 8

UNDERSTANDING THE TONES AND MOODS OF SCRIPTURE

Episode Summary

In this episode, we learn that the Bible is not just information; it is emotion and attitude. We explore the concepts of **Tone** (the author's attitude) and **Mood** (the reader's response). Using examples like Jonah and Psalm 22, we discover that identifying the correct tone is essential for accurate interpretation. We also learn that to share the Gospel effectively, we must communicate it with the tone intended by God.

Part 1: Defining the Terms

- **TONE:** The attitude the uses towards the topic. (The Input).
- **MOOD:** The attitude of the in response to the tone. (The Output).
- **List three examples of tone:**

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Part 2: Case Study

Read through the portion of scripture from Luke 7, presented below and ask the appropriate questions to discern the intended tone and mood.

11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. 12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

14 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” 17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Episode 9

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT GENRES OF THE BIBLE

Episode Summary

In this episode, we learn that the Bible contains different literary genres (Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy, etc.). Just as we eat a watermelon differently than a grape, we must approach each genre with the right tools. We explore how to read the "Books of the Law" not as legal duty but as covenant love, and how to read "Apocalyptic" books not with fear, but with hope.

Part 1: Identifying Genres

Give an example for each Genre of the books of the Bible:

1. **Books of the Law:**
2. **History:**
3. **Wisdom/Poetry:**
4. **Prophetic Books:**
5. **The Gospels:**
6. **Letters/Epistles:**
7. **Apocalyptic:**

Part 2: Adjusting Your Lens

1. How does understanding Genres help you reframe the way you understand scripture?

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2. Which genre of the Bible do you usually avoid? Why?

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Episode 10

HOW SHOULD I STRUCTURE MY LIFE AROUND READING THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we learn that to study the Bible effectively, we need **systems and structures**. The speaker teaches that "one bite a day" is better than trying to read the whole Bible in a rush. We explore practical ways to structure our lives—choosing a reading plan, finding an accountability partner, and using meditation to "digest" the Word so it nourishes our spirit.

Part 1: Build Your Study Plan

To succeed, you need to make four decisions TODAY. Fill them in below:

1. **My Plan:** (e.g., One Chapter a Day, A Character Study on David, A Topic like 'Grace')

o I will choose:

2. **My Time:** (When is the most realistic time for you to read without distraction?)

o Time Slot:

3. **My Partner:** (Who can you text when you finish your reading?)

o Name:

4. **My Start Date:** (Hint: Don't wait for January 1st!)

o Date:

Part 2: Meditation

Food only gives you strength if your body **digests** it and breaks it down. This is done through meditation, uttering it and memorizing it.

• **What are some ways/tools you can use to meditate scripture?**

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Episode 11

HOW SHOULD I STRUCTURE MY LIFE TO GET MORE OUT OF THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this episode, we apply the principles of nutrition to Bible study. The speaker teaches that the Word of God is our daily meal. To be healthy, we must eat daily (not as an afterthought), eat consistently (at set times), and eat a balanced diet (reading all genres, not just our favorites). We also learn to "say grace" before we read—asking the Holy Spirit to help us digest the truth.

Part 1: A Balanced Diet

Many Christians are picky eaters. We stick to what is comfortable.

Reflection:

- **Comfort Food:** Which books are you most likely to read? (e.g., Psalms, Proverbs, Gospels).
 - o My Comfort Food:
- **Hard-to-Chew Food:** Which books do you avoid? (e.g., Leviticus, Revelation, Minor Prophets).
 - o My Avoided Food:
- **The Goal:** To reach maturity, we must move from "Milk" to "Meat." We must be willing to chew on the difficult parts of the Bible to get the full nutritional value.

Part 2: Structure Your "Mealtimes"

Consistency helps form habits.

- What time works for you? I will read at this time: (AM/PM).
- To ensure a balanced diet, I will commit to reading a book I usually avoid.
 - o Next Book to Read:

Part 3: Personal Reflection

- When you go days without reading the Bible, what "symptoms" do you notice in your character?

Part 4: Prayer Focus

Write a short prayer asking God to give you a renewed hunger and appetite for His word.

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Episode 12

HOW CAN I FIND A CHURCH THAT TEACHES THE BIBLE?

Episode Summary

In this final episode, we discuss the vital importance of connecting with a local church. We cannot study the Bible effectively in isolation. The speaker warns against being a "Freelance Believer" and provides specific indicators—such as Expository Preaching and Biblical Discipline—to help us identify a church that truly teaches the Word of God.

Part 1: How to know a Church is Bible Believing

The most immediate way to identify a healthy church is to listen to the sermon.

- **Expositional Preaching:** This is when the main point of the **Scripture** becomes the main point of the **Sermon**. Sound Biblical doctrine is also crucial.
- **The Warning:** Avoid churches where the text is read as a formality, but the rest of the message is just human opinion.
- **Do you actively listened to a sermon to discern if the teacher is Biblically sound?** What has been your experience?

Part 2: The Church Health Checklist

Use these 6 indicators from the episode to evaluate a church:

1. **The Preaching:** Is it stayed on the Text? (Yes / No)
2. **The Theology:** Do they believe the full counsel of God, or just the parts that are popular? (Yes / No)
3. **Evangelism:** Does the church carryout The Great Commission? (Yes / No)
4. **The Gospel:** Are sinners repenting? Is there true conversion? (Yes / No)
5. **Membership:** Does the church encourage official commitment and accountability? (Yes / No)
6. **Discipline:** Does the church address sin, or do they ignore it to keep people happy? (Yes / No)
7. **Discipleship:** Does the church prioritize and invest in the spiritual growth and Christ-like maturity of its members? (Yes / No)
8. **Leadership:** Are the leaders qualified (1 Timothy 3) and accountable to others? (Yes / No)

Part 3: Personal Reflection

A "Freelance Believer" is someone who attends church but refuses to be planted in one. Without committing to a fellowship, you will not have accountability.

- **Self-Audit:** Are you a "Freelance Believer"?
 - o Check one: I am fully committed/planted. I am drifting/visiting.
- **Action Step:** If you are not a member of a Bible-believing church, what is your plan to find one this month?

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Part 4: Prayer Focus

Write a prayer thanking God for His church and asking Him to plant you in a healthy community of believers.

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