

Home Group Notes

“Home Groups” are intentional about growing burden-bearing relationships. You are always welcome to join in. See our website for more information or application.

FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE

What was your first experience of reading or studying the Bible?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Suppose a friend asked you, ‘How can you know of or know God?’ How do these Scriptures answer how God has revealed Himself?

Psalm 19:1-11

- Creation, skies, stars (1-4)
- Beauty (5)
- Revealed words in Scripture (the Law)
- Benefits to our lives of God’s revealed words such as wisdom, joy, enlightenment, warnings

Romans 1:20; 2:14-15;

- People have observed God’s attributes through creation
- God put His law in our hearts and our conscience speaks to us

Hebrews 1:1-3

- God spoke to people
- God spoke through prophets
- God did miracles through people and prophets
- God has spoken through His Son
- God revealed Himself through His Son (the radiance of His glory, exact representation)
- God sent Jesus who died in our place making “purification of sins” and then rose to heaven.

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17. What is the origin of Scripture? Why are they essential and beneficial?

- Inspired (Lit. “breathed out”) by God
- Able to make one wise for salvation
- Able to make us know that salvation is only through faith in Christ Jesus
- Scriptures are profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness
- Scriptures equip us for good work.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What questions might you ask if a friend asks, “How can you believe in an invisible God?”

- Are there other things that we believe in that are invisible?
- Do you believe that you can recognize when someone loves you? Is love visible? Observable? How would you know?
- Can you tell when someone has been present without seeing them?
- If there is a God, how should God reveal himself/herself?
- Is there evidence of a Designer / Creator in the world?
- The Bible says that God has revealed Himself in many ways. Would you be interested?

Why is the idea of the ‘authority’ of the Bible unpopular with people?

- According to the Bible, we tend toward governing our own lives.
- This can be for two reasons: (1) We were made in the image of God, and (2) That image is corrupted by a sinful nature that wants to rebel against God’s rule (and anyone else’s rule at times) Ask a parent to explain why their child that they loved and cared for rebel’s at some time in their life.

How would you answer a friend who asks, “Why would you want the Bible to be your authority?”

- The Bible is a gift from God with words and truth that flow from His character. He is always good, right, loving, etc.
- The words of the Bible are truth, life, etc..
- See the list of benefits above (cf. Ps 19)

How can the Bible be transformative in our lives? How has it been so in your life?

- The Bible transforms in our minds (Romans 12:2). It can change our mindset, our attitudes, our world-view, etc.
- This only happens when we both know and apply the Bible
- This began in my life when I was almost 18 and purchased my first Phillips New Testament. As I read the words, I knew in my heart that this was true.
- However, there have been many times when I read, understood, and didn’t apply. No transformation and possibly even arrogance set in (1 Corinthians 8:1)
- It is dangerous to read God’s Word without humbling oneself before God, asking Him to transform or apply.
- We can even use the Bible for your own desires – this is also dangerous.

LIFE RHYTHMS

If God’s words are the most important words we will hear all day, how can we develop a life-rhythm of listening to Him daily?

