



## WEEK 1 : The Bible

Question: What is the Bible about? Before you carry on, write down what you think.

Now, read the three passages below and answer the questions:

### Luke 24:13-35

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

1. Who does Jesus say he is? (v26)

2. Who are the Scriptures (the Bible) about? Who do they 'concern'? (v27)

### John 5:36-40

<sup>36</sup> "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, <sup>38</sup> nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. <sup>39</sup> You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

1. *What do we learn about Jesus? (v36)*

2. *Who do the Scriptures testify about? (v39)*

The Bible is a collection of books that tell one story about JESUS!

Question: Why was it written? Again, write down what you think first.

**Now read 2 Tim 3:14-17**

In this passage, Paul tells Timothy that the Bible has two main purposes. The first is in verse 15. What is it?

The second purpose has four main parts which he lists in verse 16. What are they?

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A summary of this second purpose of the Bible is given in verse 17. What is it?

Next, read 2 Timothy 2:14-26

What is Paul concerned that that God's people know? (v.15, v.18, v.25)

Match the four verses from 2 Timothy 2 to the four ways we have learned that the Scriptures are meant to equip us as messengers.

teaching	2 Timothy 2:14
training in righteousness	2 Timothy 2:24
reproof / rebuke	2 Timothy 2:25
correction	2 Timothy 2:16

Paul says the Bible makes us competent and equipped messengers of God's gospel, leading people to a knowledge of the truth. But what truth?

What do Ephesians 4:21, John 8:32&36 and John 14:6 tell us about the truth?

**The Bible was written so that we could know Jesus, the truth.**

"The Bible is God's voice in our hands – he chose to speak to us in a book that is diverse in style, broad in context, grounded in history, deep in theology, true to life and perfect for growing faith whoever and wherever we are." – **Krish Kandiah** (*Route 66*, p.14)