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A Biblical Journey in Personal Discipleship

“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...” – JOHN 8:31

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Thank you for your heart to invest in new and growing Christians! This truly is one of the greatest life investments you can make. It is a joy to come alongside a new Christian and help ground him in God’s Word, encourage his faith, and mentor him in Christian living.

As we have written and compiled *Continue*, we have taken care to make this resource easy to understand and use. Below are a few introductory explanations that may be a help to you:

**Weekly Package**—Each week contains the lesson itself followed by five daily devotional readings along with seven daily passages of Scripture reading. The lesson is designed to be covered in one sitting and then the devotional readings give further information and encouragement to the disciple as he develops a habit of daily reading God’s Word.

**Lesson Components**—Every lesson covers a specific topic of basic doctrine and Christian living. It contains an introduction and three main points followed by an application and assignment.

**Verse Lookups**—One of the benefits of discipleship is that a new Christian gains experience in looking up verses in the Bible.
and thus learning the order of the books and how to readily find passages. This takes time and is developed over the course of several weeks. Each lesson in this course includes around twenty references in bold, without the text of the verse. These references are key verses to the topic and are designed for you and the disciple to look up in the Bible.

**Conversation Starters**—Throughout the lessons you’ll find “conversation starters” in the margins. These are designed to spark conversation that leads to personal examples or practical application. As a mentor, these conversation starters are something you’ll want to look at in advance so you will have already considered if you have personal input at these moments. Feel free to add your own as well.

**Session Time**—Each lesson is written with a 45–60 minute time frame in mind. Some lessons may take less time and some more, depending on the questions the disciple has and the amount of material you add as you teach the lesson. As a mentor, it is helpful if you look over the lesson in advance so you know if you will be adding personal illustrations or Bible passage context in one part of the lesson and you may want to skip a conversation starter earlier in the lesson in order to complete the lesson in one sitting. If you have a week or two where you are not able to complete the lesson in one sitting, simply pick up where you left off the following week.

**Devotional Readings**—At the end of each lesson are five daily readings. The first four are devotional, and the fifth is review questions from the lesson. As you begin the next lesson, take a moment to ask how the daily readings went, to review the answers to the questions, and to ask if your disciple has any additional questions regarding the previous week’s material.
Questions—A key element to learning is asking questions. Be sure to provide time for the person you are discipling to ask questions. You will not know the answer to every question, and that’s okay. When a question is asked to which you don’t know a biblical answer, simply say that you’re not sure and will come back with an answer the following week. In the coming week, be sure to study Scripture for the answer or to ask your pastor or another mature Christian for help.

Mentoring—Biblical discipleship is not merely a once-per-week meeting; it is a way of life. As you work through the material in Continue together, think of yourself not so much as a teacher (although you are teaching) but as a mentor. Your role is to come alongside, invest yourself into, and mentor another Christian in the joy of continuing in a walk with God.

Ministry Involvement—One of the vital aspects of Christian growth is personal involvement in soulwinning and in serving the Lord through local church ministry. We recommend that as you complete Lesson 10, you work toward involving the disciple in a regular church ministry. In this lesson, he is encouraged to discover his spiritual gifts, and this is a good time to find out what area of ministry interests him. Also, we recommend that you, as his mentor, invite him to participate with you in times of soulwinning and gospel outreach.

After the course is completed—Completing a discipleship course is only the beginning of what we pray will be a lifetime of closely walking with God for a new Christian. After you complete this book, take care to continue the mentoring relationship you have formed with the disciple. Spiritual maturity is the work of the Holy Spirit and doesn’t necessarily take place in fourteen sessions. Continue to encourage spiritual growth through times
of fellowship, mentoring, and serving the Lord together. Be ready (after first discussing with your pastor) to encourage the disciple to consider mentoring another new Christian when you sense he has reached a point of spiritual maturity with a consistent Christian testimony, and he could lead someone else through this book.

Mentoring through discipleship is part of Christ’s Great Commission of “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you…” (Matthew 28:20). The Apostle Paul emphasized to Timothy the importance of discipling new Christians: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).

Thank you for investing yourself to commit God’s Word to others so they can continue the process!
DISCIPLESHIP
LESSONS &
DAILY DEVOTIONS
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the discipleship journey! Discipleship is an exciting process of growing in God’s grace and in your relationship with your Saviour.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Of course, a personal relationship with God begins with salvation. If you are not sure that you have been saved or don’t fully understand what that means, ask the person you are meeting with to explain it to you.

Once a person is saved, discipleship is the __________ of learning what it means to follow Jesus in obedience and growth.

John 8:31

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
Simply put, a disciple is a ________________ of Jesus Christ. Thus, discipleship is learning what it means to follow Jesus fully.

What you will learn
Over the next fourteen weeks, we’ll study together some of the most vital truths of God’s Word. Below is a summary of the topics we’ll cover:

______________: We’ll begin with learning a little bit about the Bible itself—who wrote it, how we know it is accurate, and why we believe it.

Who _______ Is: We’ll cover the nature of God, understand who Jesus is, and how the Holy Spirit guides us in the Christian life.

Bible Reading and ________________: In these lessons you’ll learn more about how God speaks to us through the Bible and how we communicate with Him through prayer.

Christian ________________: As Christians, our lifestyle should point others to our God. This lesson covers the practical aspects of how that takes place.

The Local ________________: Discover why Jesus established the church, why it is so precious, and how and where you fit in here in this local body of believers.

_________________________ Stewardship: Learn God’s promises and principles for handling your finances with wisdom.

_________________________ to Others: Learn how to share your faith with those who do not know the Lord and how to become a discipler, helping others become grounded in God’s Word.
What you can expect
Meeting one-on-one with another Christian who knows and loves the Lord is an opportunity to have a personal mentor who desires to be available to help you both in and outside of discipleship times.

Your ___________ is there to come alongside you and teach you from the Bible what it means to be a committed follower of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is also an awesome opportunity to ask questions as you study God’s Word, and your discipler is available to help you find the answers.

In each weekly discipleship meeting, you’ll learn an important truth for the Christian life from the Bible and then have the opportunity to apply it to your life through short assignments. Additionally, you are provided with five daily devotional readings each week that will help you become _______________ in God’s Word and further apply the truths from the previous lesson.

What you should commit
We ask that you begin this discipleship course as a serious commitment in the following ways:

A commitment to meet ___________ week to finish the course:
There are fourteen lessons in this course, so it’s about a four-month commitment. It’s important that you are committed to meeting each week until you have finished the lessons.

A commitment to regular church ________________: One of the most significant ways that God strengthens our faith is through the preaching of God’s Word. Discipleship is an exciting time to study the Bible, but it can never be a substitute for attending the regular preaching services of our church.
A commitment to complete the ________________: Each lesson has assignments for you to work through during the week. These are in the form of five daily readings or questions for you to answer. We pray these assignments are the beginning of daily time in God’s Word for you even after you complete discipleship.

Becoming a committed follower of Jesus Christ is—in many ways—a journey of a lifetime. But there is no better time than today to get started.

Welcome to an incredible journey!

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**Lesson One**

We begin our journey learning about the Book that will be our guide through this course—in fact, through our entire Christian life: the _______________.

In this lesson, you’ll learn some of the most important truths related to the Bible—who wrote it, why we believe it, and what impact it has on our daily living.

First, take a moment to see how your Bible is put together.

It contains __________ books.

It is divided into ________ sections—the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Old Testament was recorded __________ Jesus came to earth.

The ________ Testament tells about when Jesus was on earth and the spread of the gospel through the first-century churches after He returned to Heaven.
The Bible is not arranged in chronological order, but according to ________________. There are groupings of books on history, literature, prophets, gospels, and epistles.

Use the Table of Contents in the front of your Bible to help you find passages until you become familiar enough with the order of the books that you can find them on your own.

**God Wrote the Bible**

God is the sole ________________ of the Bible.

There are two words we use to describe how God got the Bible to man:

_______________: This is God communicating previously unknown truth.

_______________: This is God having His truth recorded.

God has revealed Himself to man in many ways, including creation, our conscience, and history. (We’ll look at these in our next lesson.) But the clearest way He has revealed Himself is through the pages of ________________.

**2 Peter 1:19–21**

In this passage, the Apostle Peter—who saw Jesus in His glorified state—explains that the Word of God is a “more sure word of prophecy.” In other words, by having God’s revelation of Himself ________________ for us in black and white, we know it is true and that we can depend upon it.

Peter also describes the process by which God recorded the Bible.
Let’s break this verse down:

The Bible did not originate with ___________: “came not…by the will of man.”

Men of God ________________ the words of the Bible: “holy men of God spake…”

God is the _____________ of the Bible: “as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

The Bible word for this process is ________________.

- **2 Timothy 3:16**

To better understand this process, you should understand the meaning of the word *inspiration*.

**What Bible inspiration is ______**: Sometimes we use the word inspiration to refer to an idea or the motivation to do something creative or artistic. For instance, we might say, “Michelangelo was inspired to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel” or “Shakespeare was inspired as he wrote *Romeo and Juliet*.”

**What Bible inspiration ______**: There is another definition for inspiration that we don’t use often. It is “the drawing of air into one’s lungs; inhaling.” This is the inspiration spoken of in 2 Timothy 3:16. The phrase “given by inspiration of God” literally means “__________________.” In other words, God breathed the words of the Bible to human penmen who wrote them down.

Because of these two truths—revelation and inspiration—the Bible is literally the ________________. It is God’s words to us.

Jesus Himself specifically stated that God’s Word was divinely inspired by God.
Matthew 4:4

The Bible is the most amazing book of all time:

God used more than _______ different men from a variety of backgrounds over a timespan of _______ years to record each word.

The writing took place on _____ different continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe) and in _______ different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek).

Yet, the entire book completely agrees and has been validated time and again by history, archaeology, and science.

If you asked ten contemporary authors to individually write their viewpoint on just one controversial subject, you would come up with a wide range of conflicting opinions. And yet, the Bible covers hundreds of controversial subjects by many different writers—and the entire book agrees. There can be only one reason for this: the Bible has just one Author—God.

God Has Preserved the Bible

So we now know that God moved human penmen to write the words in the Bible. But that leads to the question, how do we know these words are preserved for us today?

God ___________________ to preserve His Word.

Psalm 12:6–7

Psalm 119:89, 152, 160
Notes

- **Isaiah 40:8** (Interestingly, the Apostle Peter quoted from this very passage in 1 Peter 1:25: “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”)

- **Matthew 24:35**

**God tells us the __________ by which He has preserved His Word.**

God specifically told people to __________ His Word:

**Moses**

**Exodus 17:14**

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua…*  

**Isaiah**

**Isaiah 8:1**

*Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man’s pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.*  

**Isaiah 30:8**

*Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:*  

**Jeremiah**

**Jeremiah 30:2**

*Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.*  

**Habakkuk**

**Habakkuk 2:2**

*And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*
God specifically told people to ________ His Word.

**Fathers**

**Deuteronomy 6:7–9**

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

**Priests & Kings**

**Deuteronomy 17:18**

And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

So in Old Testament times, God used the home (fathers), the government (kings), and religion (priests) to multiply copies of His Word for the next generation.

In the New Testament, God has chosen to use the _________ to preserve His Word. Consider this process:

**God’s Word is __________.**

**John 17:17**

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

**The __________ is the “pillar and ground of the truth.”**

**1 Timothy 3:15**

…the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
Those who have been saved are instructed to ____________ what has been preserved to others.

Matthew 28:19–20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Historically, there is ________________ that God has preserved His Word.

There are over five thousand preserved manuscripts of the New Testament alone—all tediously copied with the utmost care—dating all the way back to approximately AD 130.¹ This is more evidence than any secular author such as Pliny or Aristotle have that their work is credible and authentic. The New Testament is the most well-attested to piece of ancient literature in the world.

Additionally, Scripture has historically been received as authoritative by Christians throughout the centuries. Although Christians have not always obeyed God’s Word, there is no period of church history in which the Bible was questioned as being divinely inspired.

Some religions and false teachers say that the Bible has been so corrupted over the centuries that it cannot be trusted. They have then rewritten the Bible according to their religious teachings, or they have additional books they insist you must read along with the Bible to properly understand it. These claims go directly against what God has promised concerning preserving His Word for us. We can trust the Bible!

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God’s Word has not only been preserved through copies, but it has been ___________ into thousands of languages.

Perhaps you have wondered why there are many different versions of the Bible in English. We examine this question more closely in Appendix D. In our church we use the King James Version of the Bible, and we believe this is God’s preserved Word for English-speaking people.

God Uses the Bible Today

God has recorded His Word through human authors and preserved it for us through the centuries. But that’s not where it stops. The Word of God has power in our lives today!

The Holy Spirit ___________ us.

In our next lesson, we’ll see that the Holy Spirit is God. He is part of what the Bible calls the “Godhead.” As God, the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. (We saw that earlier in 2 Peter 1:21.) Now, He helps us to understand the Bible.

- 1 Corinthians 2:12–14

The unsaved person (“natural man”) cannot thoroughly understand the Bible.

The saved person has the Holy Spirit to illuminate—shed light on—the truths found in God’s Word.

- John 16:13

The Bible tells us what is __________.
The Bible tells us how the ________ should operate.
We believe that the Bible—not tradition or personal preferences—should be our final authority for what we believe and what we practice. (In Lesson 9, we will see many of God’s specific instructions to local churches and how they impact everything we do, from our structure to our teaching to our worship.)

2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible instructs us in every area of _________.
Our lifestyle should match what we believe. God’s Word gives us instruction in the practical areas of life, such as relationships, raising children, finances, and even our service for God. We’ll explore many of these areas in future lessons.

The Word of God brings _________.

1 Peter 2:2

The Word of God gives us God’s _________.

2 Peter 1:4

The Word of God helps us resist _________.

Psalm 119:11

The Word of God has the power to ________ our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (Note: The word quick in this verse is an Old English word meaning “alive.”)
We are responsible to read, study, and _______ the Bible.

When we learn and apply its truths to our lives, God promises to bless us.

- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Joshua 1:8

APPLICATION

The Bible that you hold in your hands is a great treasure. It is literally God’s Word to you—written by God Himself and preserved for you. The Bible is vital to your Christian growth. Through it, you learn about your Saviour, and you learn how to live in a way that is pleasing to God.

There are two decisions you can make right now that will set the direction for the rest of your Christian life:

**First, determine that you are committed to obey whatever is __________________________ in Scripture.** Throughout the rest of your life, you will be discovering the treasures of God’s Word. But you will find those discoveries enhanced as you determine that you will respond to what you know to be true from the Bible.

**Second, determine that you will make God’s Word a __________ __________ of your life.** God promises to bless those who read, study, and obey His Word. Begin with reading a short passage—maybe even just one verse—every day and thinking on it throughout the day. Continue daily devotions will help you get started!
ASSIGNMENTS

Write 2 Timothy 3:16 in the space below, and plan to memorize this verse so you can quote it to your discipler next week.

Read the five daily readings throughout this coming week, including answering the questions on day five. These questions are where you will pick up with your discipleship meeting next week.

Choose one of the three Bible reading plans from the following daily reading pages. Begin discovering God’s Word for yourself! (Although there are only five devotional lessons each week, be sure to read the Scripture for days 6 and 7.)

- **Topical** covers two or three verses each day that relate to the lessons we are studying.
- **New Testament in a Year** is a day-by-day journey through the entire New Testament.*
- **Entire Bible in a Year** is a day-by-day journey through the entire Bible.*

*Because this course is just fourteen weeks, there are schedules in Appendix E (pages 321–324) where you can keep track of your progress for a full year.
DAY 1

God’s Promises for You

*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;—* Titus 1:2

One of the most exciting conclusions of understanding that God wrote the Bible and that it is preserved for us today is that we can trust its many promises!

All of us have been lied to by another person. We’ve had people misrepresent facts or tell us they would do something that they never followed through to completion. The Bible tells us, however, not only that God will not lie, but that He cannot lie. Everything God has promised is absolutely true.

Consider just a few promises of God that can bring peace to your life. (You could even look these up in your Bible and highlight them.)

**You have eternal life that can never be taken away.**

*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*—John 10:28

**God will never leave you, and He will be your helper.**

*...he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*—Hebrews 13:5–6

**Anything is possible with God.**

*But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*—Matthew 19:26
God will give you the strength you need for each challenge of life.
*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God:
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*—*Isaiah 41:10*

God’s grace is sufficient for your every need.
*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*—*2 Corinthians 12:9*

God will give you guidance.
*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*—*Proverbs 3:5–6*

God will give you wisdom.
*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*—*James 1:5*

God will reward your faithfulness.
*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*—*Galatians 6:9*
DAY 2

The Uniqueness of God’s Word

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.—Psalm 119:89

The Bible is a book unlike any other. As the only book God ever wrote, it stands above every other book. Consider just a few of the ways in which the Bible is unique:

**The Bible is unique in its composition.** Composed of sixty-six books, written over a 1,500 year time span by forty different human writers on three different continents and in three different languages, there is no other book like it!

**The Bible is unique in its unity.** Even with the diverse human elements mentioned above, there is an overriding unity throughout the entire Bible. It does not disagree with itself, and it has a central message revealing who God is and how we can have a relationship with Him.

**The Bible is unique in its relevance.** Although the Bible is centuries old, it is still read regularly all around the world. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, kings and paupers—people from every background and in all types of circumstances read it and gain help through its pages.

**The Bible is unique in its circulation.** The Bible was the first major book printed on the Gutenberg Press, and still today it is printed and circulated by the millions. It has been translated into many languages, and over 2,800 languages have at least a portion of the Bible.¹

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The Bible is unique in its survival. Written on perishable material millennia ago, we still have accurate copies of it. This is even more remarkable when you consider how it has been attacked. It has been hunted down to be burned, and skeptics have tried to limit its influence. Yet we still have it, and it still changes lives.

The Bible is unique in its literary character. How do farmers, shepherds, fishermen, kings, tax collectors...people from all different backgrounds and levels of literacy write a unified book that even the secular world recognizes as literary genius?

The Bible is unique in its accuracy. Although the Bible is not a history or science book, when it speaks to these subjects, it is accurate. Time and again, archeologists, historians, and scientists have discovered the accuracy of God’s Word as they’ve made discoveries that have lined up with the statements of Scripture from hundreds of years previous.

The Bible is unique in its prophecies. No other book—religious or secular—can even hold a candle to the approximately two thousand accurately fulfilled prophecies in the Bible.

But the best way to discover the uniqueness of God’s Word is to read and apply it, and see for yourself how God works in your life through it!
DAY 3

Can We Trust the Bible?

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*—1 Peter 3:15

There are many books today that claim to be the Word of God. Intelligent scholars have written books that attempt to discredit the authority of the Bible. This should not surprise us, for Satan has been trying to cast doubt on the Bible since the beginning of time.

Satan’s first words to Eve in the Garden of Eden were in the form of a question, attempting to cast doubt on Eve’s faith in God: “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1).

The world is in rebellion against God, and worldly people under the influence of Satan seek to destroy your faith. To counter this attack and the doubts that may come, it is important for you to have an answer that will enable you to make a solid defense of your faith.

Proving the trustworthiness of the Bible is not difficult. In the last devotion, we looked at the Bible’s uniqueness. Let’s look closer at its accuracy in archaeology, history, science, and prophecy.

**Historical and Archaeological Evidence**—Skeptics have often pointed to unsubstantiated details in the Bible to claim that it is inaccurate. And time and again, archaeological evidence has later been uncovered that supported the biblical record and embarrassed the skeptics.
One example of this is King Belshazzar, mentioned in the book of Daniel. For many years, skeptics pointed out his name as an “error” in the Bible because historians had a complete listing of Babylonian kings, and Belshazzar was not on this list. Then, in the late 1800s, archaeology unearthed a document that showed King Nabonidus made his son, Belshazzar, the co-regent of the kingdom. This also explains why when Belshazzar honored Daniel, he made him third highest in the kingdom. Thus, not only was Scripture accurate, but it was accurate down to the details.

**Scientific Evidence**—A few of the scientific facts mentioned in Scripture—hundreds of years before scientists came to understand them—include that the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22), that it hangs on nothing (Job 26:7), that there are an innumerable number of stars (Genesis 15:5), and that there are water currents in the seas (Psalm 8:8).

In addition to these, God gave His people basic sanitation laws, including burying their waste (Deuteronomy 23:13), not touching dead bodies (Numbers 19:11), and more, thousands of years before modern medicine discovered germs and understood the spread of disease.

Although these kinds of evidences are strong proof for the Bible, the primary reason we believe God’s Word is accurate is because God Himself said so! The Bible is our final authority regardless of the evidence.
DAY 4

How Jesus Used the Bible

*But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

—Matthew 4:4

We see an example in the life of Christ of how to use the Bible. Although Jesus was God, He was also fully man, and thus He experienced the same temptations we experience today (Hebrews 4:15). When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He did not rely on His own strength to overcome, but He quoted from the Old Testament. (You can read the full account in Matthew 4:1–11.)

In fact, Jesus used the phrase, “It is written,” over a dozen times. This phrase always referred to what was written in the Old Testament. Notice what Jesus believed and taught about the Bible:

- **The Bible is reliable.**

  *But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?*—Matthew 26:54

- **The Bible is authoritative.**

  *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God....Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God....Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*—Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

- **The Bible is sufficient.**
And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.
—Luke 16:31

• The Bible is indestructible.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.—Matthew 5:17–18

• The Bible is unified and clear.

Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself....And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

As you read the Bible, realize you are reading a book that Jesus Himself verified as accurate. Jesus not only wrote the Bible (John 1:1), but He used the Bible. If Jesus used the Bible, how much more do we need it in our daily lives?
DAY 5

Review of Week One

The questions below cover the material we studied in this lesson and are given here to help you cement these truths in your mind and heart. Feel free to look back over previous pages as you answer these questions. When you begin the next lesson with your discipler, take a few minutes to discuss any questions you have from this week’s material.

1. What is a disciple? ____________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________
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2. What is the clearest way that God has revealed Himself? _____
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3. Who is the author of the Bible? ________________
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4. What does the word *inspiration* mean in the Bible? _______
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[**Topical Reading**]

Topical
1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 119:105

New Testament in a Year
Matthew 5:1–26

Entire Bible in a Year
Genesis 13–15; Matthew 5:1–26

DAY 6

Topical
Joshua 1:8

New Testament in a Year
Matthew 5:27–48

Entire Bible in a Year
Genesis 16–17; Matthew 5:27–48

DAY 7

Topical
Matthew 5:17–18

New Testament in a Year
Matthew 6:1–18

Entire Bible in a Year
Genesis 18–19; Matthew 6:1–18
5. How do we know that the Bible is preserved for us? __________
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6. What are some ways that the Word of God has power in our lives today? ________________
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7. What is our responsibility as disciples concerning God’s Word? ________________
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