

week two: Why We Reed God's Word?

welcome:

Summarize your first week of 2025 in one word.

worship:

Sing, ANCIENT WORDS

Introduction: Of the many ways God could reveal Himself to us, why did He choose the written Word and why does He think we need it? Pastor Ta's sermon gave us a bird's eye view of the contents of scripture (history, poetry, prophecy and teaching), as well as the primary reason why God gave us His Word and its relevance to our lives.

word:

Understanding the Bible is important. The word Bible literally means a collection of books because it literally is a compilation of God's revelations to His people over many millennia! The way it came to us is such a magnificent miracle!

THE MIRACLE OF THE TIMELINE.

The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years in over a dozen countries on three continents by 40 people in three different languages.

THE MIRACLE OF DIVINE AUTHORSHIP WRITTEN THROUGH HUMAN HANDS.

The Bible was written by poets, prophets, farmers, kings, soldiers, shepherds, princes, priests, historians, fisherman, tax collectors, scholars, businessmen and doctors.

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17

THE MIRACLE OF COHERENCE.

The Bible was written in caves, ships, palaces, prisons, and deserts, through various people but miraculously came up with the same redemptive

story that points to the central person of the Bible: JESUS CHRIST. Read Luke 24:44–45, John 5:39–40, 46.

The Structure of the Bible:

The Torah (5 Books): Genesis – Deuteronomy **The Nevi-im**:

a. History Books (12 Books): Joshua – Esther

b. Prophecy Books (17)

5 Major Prophets: Isaiah – Daniel 12 Minor Prophets: Hosea – Malachi

The Ketuvim (5 Poetry books) Job – Song of Solomon **The Gospels** (4 books): Matthew, Mark, Luke, John **The Book of Acts** The beginning of the Church

The Epistles (21 books): Romans – Jude **The Revelation:** Prophecy of the future.

With Jesus as the central theme, the whole Bible can be summarized this way:

Old Testament: anticipation
Gospels: manifestation
Acts: proclamation
Epistles: explanation

Revelation: consummation

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What important truth did you learn about the Bible in this message?
- 2. If you could pick one verse that summarizes the Bible, what verse would you pick and why?
- 3. Which aspect of the Bible's structure stood out most to you and why??
- 4. Why is Jesus the central theme of Scriptures?
- 5. If we as Christians believe the Bible came from God, how should this affect our interaction with and response to it?
- 6. Why do we need God's Word in our lives?

work:

- $\hfill \Box$ Get yourself a physical Bible.
- ☐ Download the Bible app.
- ☐ Read the Bible daily.