



cell outlines | week two

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**You Will Need**

- Bibles
- Pens/paper
- Access to the internet or some other way to show a clip from You Tube
- 'Ten Great Reasons To Read the Bible' sheets
- New Testament Bible Quiz

**WELCOME**

Bible Quiz – New Testament  
Feedback

- Ask for each person to share their favourite Bible verse and explain what it means to them.
- Ask how people are getting on with their 30 day reading challenge.
- Encourage those that are trying to memorise all the books of the Bible in order!

**WORD**

**1. Just for fun watch the You Tube Clip 'Baby Got Book'**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTYr3JuueF4>

**2. Why read the Bible?**

Use the following Bible verses to discuss why we should read the Bible. Prepare cards of each verse (the easiest way to do this would be to print an extra copy of the cell outlines and cut the verses into separate strips). Place all the verses face down in the centre of the room. Take it in turns for each person to pick a card, read the scripture and discuss together what it tells us about the importance of reading the Bible. Collate all the answers on a large piece of flipchart paper. It's quite a simple exercise!

For example:

**Romans 15:4 (New Century Version)**

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us patience and encouragement so that we can have hope.

From this we can see that the Bible will teach us, help us to be patient, encourage us, give us hope!

Please explain two things: The following verses are taken from all different versions of the Bible, and the Bible often uses the terms like 'God's Word, the Law, Scriptures' to refer to the Bible.

**John 8:31-32 (RSV)**

Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

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### **Joshua 1:8 (NIV)**

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

### **Hebrews 4:12 (NCV)**

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the centre of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.

### **Acts 20:32 (NLB)**

And now I entrust you to God and his care and to his wonderful words that are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for himself.

### **Matthew 4:4 (NLT)**

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.'"

### **Romans 15:4 (NCV)**

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us patience and encouragement so that we can have hope.

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)**

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.

### **Psalms 119:105 (NIV)**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

### **Psalms 119:11 (NIV)**

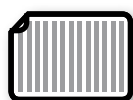
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

NIV: New International Version / NLT: New Living Translation / NCV: New Century Version / RSV: Revised Standard Version

- Summarise the discussion with the following thoughts:

God's Word is alive! To know God better we must spend time hearing what He has to say. The Bible is His message to us. Although God can also speak directly to our hearts, we need to know His written Word so we can judge whether God is speaking to us, or the enemy is trying to deceive us. God will not love us more because we read the Bible. It's for our benefit – not required to make God love us. However, without reading the Bible, we will not grow spiritually, or be able to dig deeper into our discipleship. The promise of Jesus in John 8:31-32 is for all of us. If we continue in the Word of God, we will know the truth, and the truth will make us free!

### **3. Give out and read Ten Great Reasons To Read The Bible.**





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**WORSHIP**

Split into pairs and ask each person to get out their favourite Bible verse again and pray their verse for their partner.

For example: If their favourite verse is Psalm 37:4 'Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart,' the prayer could go something like this:

"Dear Lord, I pray for (.....). I ask that you would teach her how to delight in you. I pray that as she spends time with you talking to you and reading your word that she would enjoy being in your presence and feel you close. Please would you whisper new dreams and desires into her heart, and confirm those that she already holds. I ask that you would give her faith and strength and courage to outwork your plan in her life. Amen."

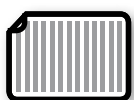
**WITNESS**

Get your Bible out in public; at school / college / work / on the bus / in McDonalds. Be ready to answer questions about why you are reading it if you are asked!

**Action Points**

Continue with the 30 Day Bible Reading Challenge

NB Don't forget about the memorise books of the Bible challenge

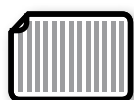


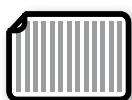


## TEN GREAT REASONS TO READ THE BIBLE

1. It is the only written will of God for man.
2. Only the Bible tells us of God's eternal plan.
3. It, and it alone, tells us of the Christ, His relationship to the Godhead; How He became a man and came to earth; and His death on the cross for mankind.
4. Only the Bible tells us about God's eternal kingdom, the church.
5. The Bible is the only divine source that tells us that within God's eternal kingdom there is salvation, the forgiveness of sins, and the hope of eternal life in the presence of God.
6. Nothing but the Bible tells us how we can find, identify and enter God's eternal kingdom, and how we should live as members of that kingdom.
7. The Bible is the only divine book that tells us how this world came into existence.
8. Only the Bible tells us about the true origin and nature of man.
9. It is the sole divine source of our knowledge of man's place in creation.
10. No other book but the Bible informs us of man's eternal destiny.

(<http://www.logosmultimedia.com/why-read-the-bible.html>)





## NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE QUIZ

(Answers in bold)

1) Pontius Pilate was governor of where?

- a) Rome
- b) Judea**
- c) Egypt
- d) Jordan

2) How did the betrayer of Jesus, Judas Iscariot, die?

- a) Hung himself**
- b) Fever
- c) Stoned to death
- d) Old age

3) Who was the first Christian martyr?

- a) Paul
- b) Peter
- c) Judas
- d) Stephen**

4) Who needed to see Jesus' wounds to believe in the resurrection?

- a) Pontius Pilate
- b) Thomas**
- c) James
- d) Luke

5) Why were Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth?

- a) To buy grain
- b) To pay taxes**
- c) To visit friends
- d) To see a doctor

6) How many days and nights was Jesus in the wilderness?

- a) 20
- b) 30
- c) 40**
- d) 50

7) Which Gospel has the most chapters?

- a) Matthew**
- b) Mark
- c) Luke
- d) John

8) Who was the father of John the Apostle?

- a) Joseph
- b) Andrew
- c) Barabbas
- d) Zebedee**

9) What profession did Levi have before becoming a follower of Christ? (Luke 5)

- a) Tax collector**
- b) Soldier
- c) Goldsmith
- d) Farmer

10) Who took down the body of Christ from the cross and placed it in the tomb?

- a) Pontius Pilate
- b) Joseph of Arimathea**
- c) Simon the Apostle
- d) Mary Magdalene