



a survey of the Bible

## Introduction

April 28<sup>th</sup> '19

1. The Bible continues to top the world's bestseller list. What impresses you about the influence of the Bible on our world? Discuss the Bible's impact on music & films, politics & social reform, literature, language, education, etc.
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.
  - i. What does Paul point to to encourage Timothy to persevere in the Christian faith?
  - ii. How/why would valuing the Bible help us to endure in the faith?
  - iii. Have there been helpful strategies you have used to read God's Word for *life change*?
  - iv. How would you answer someone who asked you what it means to say that the Bible is the inspired word of God?
  - v. We looked at 3 reasons for believing the Bible is God's book (Jesus endorsed it / it has harmony & continuity even though it contains 66 books written by 40 authors over 1500+ years, it still transforms lives.) Discuss the importance of each of these.
3. Martin Luther said, "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me." Share a specific passage in the Bible that has changed how you live your life.
4. Make a list of questions you have about the Bible that could be researched and brought back to the group over the weeks of this series. (e.g how the Bible came together; how do we know the Bible is trustworthy, how the Bible came to us in English, what is the difference between literal translations & paraphrases? etc, etc.)

Use Psalm 119:9-16 as the basis for praying that our love for God's word would grow.

N.B. A list of Bible readings will be in the newsletter so you can prepare for the next Sundays "chunk" in this survey of the Bible.

Resources mentioned in the sermon

- [www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/)
- [www.bethinking.org/bible](http://www.bethinking.org/bible)
- [www.zachariastrust.org/why-trust-the-bible](http://www.zachariastrust.org/why-trust-the-bible)