



Faith Foundations

Week 1 – The Bible



We believe that the Bible – both old and new testaments, was written under the inspiration of God and that it is fully trustworthy as the basis for our faith, conduct and practice.

(2 Tim 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:20-21)



What is the Bible?

Part history

Part poetry

Part song lyrics

Part biography

Part letters

Is it really all that important?

- Three bibles are sold every second. (That's almost 274 thousand a day)
- There are 365 verses that say 'do not fear'
- It contains 66 books written by 40 authors in 3 languages (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic) living in 3 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe).
- There are 31,000 verses containing 185 songs.
- In its entirety it has been translated into 698 different, but the New testament has been translated into 1,548 languages.



What is the Bible for?

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servants of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Tim 3:16-17

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31



Hebrews 4:12

Which verses hold special significance?

There is nothing in death or life, or the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world or in dreams, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38

Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31-33

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10



Which verses hold special significance?

For just as in Adam and by being human, all people die, so shall all in Christ be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. This does not make you slaves living in fear; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to God's family. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." So then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ

Romans 8:14-17



Why is the Bible so powerful?

- God speaks to us through it
- It tells us of who we are
- It tells us about our relationship with God
- It shows us Jesus
- It challenges the lies of the world
- It brings us life

Questions for coffee and home group:

- Is it OK to question the bible?
- What is your favourite verse/passage and why?
- How can we integrate the Bible into our everyday life?
- Which bits are difficult to believe?