

Week One: Handout

Introduction to the Bible Study, and a few simple guidelines

1. This is a study of the Bible, not of a particular denomination's beliefs.
2. No one is trying to prove anyone right or wrong
3. Lesson length will vary, but I am a firm believer that **"the mind can only endure what the seat can handle."**
4. This first lesson will probably be the longest of all of them because I want to take a little time to establish the Word of God as authoritative. I mean... if we are going to say our time together is a "study of the Bible"... then we should make sure the Bible is a book that we can actually trust! **For planning purposes, know that each lesson will be no less than 25 minutes and no more than 45 minutes.**
5. Most importantly: That we would open our hearts and minds as we open up the Word of God!

Can We Trust The Bible

1. All scripture is given by inspiration of God (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)
2. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet (**Psalms 119:105**)

History of How We Got The Bible

1. Ye shall not add unto the word (**Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, Revelation 22: 18-19**)
2. One Baptism (**Ephesians 4:4-5**)

Why the Change in Language

Who copied biblical translations

1. Biblical discrepancy in transcription (**II Kings 8:26, II Chronicles 22:2**)

How do we know the Bible was inspired by God

1. The Bible is God's Word to us (**II Timothy 3:16**)
2. Fulfilled prophecies (**Isaiah 41:21-23**)
3. Internal declarations (**John 5:46-47, Luke 24:44**)
4. External Evidence (**Matthew 19:4-5, Matthew 24:37-39**)
5. Internal Evidence (**Matthew 22:32, John 6:49, Matthew 12:40-41**)

Why did God choose this way to preserve his word

1. God has always chosen humankind (**Hebrews 11:6, Isaiah 55:8-9**)