

# Why & How should I read the Bible?

## Confirmation - Lesson A1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verse of the Week:** "For the word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." **Hebrews 4:12**

**Bible is God's main way of \_\_\_\_\_ to people - Inspired by God, written through men**

- **2 Timothy 3:16** - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness

- The Bible was written by over \_\_\_\_\_ authors, on \_\_\_\_\_ continents, over \_\_\_\_\_ years and contains 66 total books - \_\_\_\_\_ Old Testament and \_\_\_\_\_ New Testament
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the writing and \_\_\_\_\_ is uniquely authentic and the New Testament is mainly written through eyewitness accounts.
- The Biblical writings are written into \_\_\_\_\_ and science supports it - **Luke 3:1-2**
- The reliability of ancient writings is based on \_\_\_\_\_ of documents and \_\_\_\_\_ to when it was written

Writing	When written	Earliest Copy	Time Gap	# of copies
Herodotus	488-428 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,300 years	8
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,300 years	8
Tacitus	A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1,000 years	20
Caesar's Gaelic War	58-50 B.C.	A.D. 900	950 years	10
Livy's Roman History	59 B.C. - A.D. 17	A.D. 900	900 years	20
New Testament	A.D. 40-100	A.D. 130 (full manuscripts A.D. 350)	30-310 years	5,000+ Greek 20,000 other

### Purposes of Scripture

- Know \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 5:39-40**)
- Guide for \_\_\_\_\_ (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)
- Gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in life (**Matthew 22:37-39, Matthew 28:18-20**)
- Creation of \_\_\_\_\_ - (**Romans 10:17**)
- Battle \_\_\_\_\_ warfare - (**Matthew 4:1-11**)

### How read Bible?

\_\_\_\_\_ & place - Find a natural time, a set apart space, do it consistently, and have a plan!

\_\_\_\_\_ - Pray for openness, understand context, variety, and ask what God is saying

\_\_\_\_\_ - What next steps is God calling me to?

- **Matthew 7:24** - Move beyond knowledge and put it into practice!

**Main Point:** The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most amazing book in the history of the world and will radically change your life if read consistently!!

**Reflection Time-** *Use this space to reflect on these questions:*

**1) Read Hebrews 4:12** *'For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.'* **What does this verse mean to you?**

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**2) Write down 3 benefits to reading the Bible...**

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**3) What prevents you from reading the Bible? (time, lack of interest, scared, etc.)**

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**4) In what ways could you easily incorporate reading the Bible into daily life?**

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**5) What questions or doubts do you have about the Bible?**

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**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_