

The Bible (wk 1)



Application questions taken for Wayne Grudem "Systematic Theology"

STARTER

- What is your favorite Old Testament story in the Bible, and why?

EXPLORE

- **2 Timothy 3:16** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"*
- **How do we know that the Bible is God's Word?** - *Beyond the evidence for the Bible's correctness (manuscript evidence) and its historicity (archeological evidence), the most important evidence is that of its inspiration. (Genesis 12:7, Ezekiel 26) There are so many prophecies concerning Christ (over 270!) that it would take more than a few screens worth of space to list them all. Further, Jesus would have had no control over many of them such as His birthplace or time of birth. Second, the odds of one man accidentally fulfilling even 16 of these are 1 in 10^{45} .*
- **Can only Bible scholars understand the Bible rightly?** (2 Peter 3:15-16, Duet 6:6-7)
- **How much can people know about God without the Bible?** (Rom 10:13-17, Mat 4:4, Rom 1:19-21)

APPLY

- If you want to persuade someone that the Bible is God's Word, what do you want that person to read more than any other piece of literature?
- Who would try to make people want to disbelieve something in Scripture?
- Do you know of any proven fact in all of history that has shown something in the Bible to be false?
- If the doctrine of the clarity of Scripture is true, why does there seem to be so much disagreement among Christians about the teaching of the Bible?
- What would happen to the church if most believers gave up reading the Bible for themselves and only listened to Bible teachers or reach books about the Bible?
- Do you think that there are right and wrong interpretations of most or all passages of Scripture?
- When you are witnessing to an unbeliever, what is the one thing above all others that you should want him or her to read?
- Do you know of anyone who ever became a Christian without either reaching the Bible or hearing someone tell him or her what the Bible said?

PRAYER