

THE BIBLE 01

THE BIBLE INTRO AND GUIDE

The purpose of this lesson is to give a very basic and introductory knowledge of the Bible. It can no longer be assumed that the people in our groups have any background knowledge of the Bible. We want to encourage students to pursue a foundational knowledge of the Bible. The Bible is God's Word to us. If God is speaking to us than we should know about it. We will seek to answer some basic questions such as: How did the Bible come to us? Is the Bible reliable? How has it survived so long? What is the layout/structure of the Bible? Does the Bible predict the future? How has/does the Bible impact society?

Step 1: Share Timothy 3:16 with your group during the week prior to your meeting. Ask them to memorize it.

Step 2. Read "The Bible is Full of Mistakes" by Winkie Pratney

Step 3. Read "The Bible is like No Other Book" by Winkie Pratney (very similar to "Full of Mistakes" and includes some of the same material)

Step 4. Read the discussion notes.

Small group meeting:

Begin with some basic questions:

- Who wrote the Bible?
- What is the Bible about in one short sentence?
- How many books are in the Bible?
- Do the Bible and Science agree?

Go through the discussion notes answering these questions while further developing the lesson in the direction you would like to go. The Bible's impact on society is a good discussion to end with.

Resources:

How We Got our Bible, Bill Donahue, IVP Downers Grove, Illinois, 2000.

www.moh.org, Winkie Pratney's web site.