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# New Song "Bridge" after Session 4, part 1

### Introduction

How have you experienced the power of the Bible in your life?

# The Bible is powerful because it is God's Word

The Bible inspires, comforts, motivates, encourages, and advises any who allow it to do so.

However, that it superficial. God's purpose for providing the Bible as His inspired Word is much more comprehensive.

The Bible inspires and encourages in "moments" when we have a relationship with and knowledge of God developed over time with God through the Bible.

# **Divinely Inspired Word of God**

We must be convinced and committed to the Bible as the divinely inspired Word of God

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

This conviction keeps us grounded in Christ and protects us from the enemy

Matthew 4:1–11

# The Purpose of Studying the Bible

+ What is the purpose of studying the Bible?

The purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowing the Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Word of God used by the Spirit of God in a surrendered soul leads to knowing God soul-deep.

Matthew 5:6 (ESV) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

+ What does it look like to know God soul-deep in intimacy and alignment?

John 7:37–39 (ESV)

John 8:31–38 (ESV)

- + What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to make the Bible come alive and lead to a soul-deep intimacy and alignment relationship?
  - We can understand the Bible intellectually but we are completely dependent on the Spirit for spiritual understanding.

John 14:15–31 (ESV)

Galatians 5:18–26 (ESV)

**Ephesians 4:3–4 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

### Romans 8:26–28 (ESV)

### **Times of Experiencing God Through the Bible**

Deliberate times of reading and study

Together times with others

Moments when we need direction from God

Moments when we need "Rescue" from God

### **PRACTICE EXERCISES**

### TAKEAWAYS

### **HELPFUL RESOURCES:**

- --BlueletterBible.org --Biblehub.com
- --International Standard Bible Encyclopedia --Dictionaries & Encyclopedias (Biblehub.com and BlueletterBible.com)

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