

# Week 1: What is the Bible?

## 1. Introduction: Why Should We Know the Bible?

- 1) The Bible is the foundation of Christian faith and life.
- 2) It is the revelation of God and the only book that leads to salvation.
- 3) 2 Timothy 3:16–17: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful..."

## 2. Definition of the Bible

- 1) The word "Bible" comes from the Greek Biblia, meaning "books."
- 2) Composed of 66 books (39 Old Testament, 27 New Testament)
- 3) About 40 authors over a span of 1,500 years

## 3. Structure of the Bible

Division	Number of Books	Contents
Old Testament	39	Creation, Law, History, Prophets, Poetry
New Testament	27	Life of Christ, Church, Gospel, Revelation

## 4. Major Themes of the Bible

- 1) The relationship between God and humans
- 2) Sin and redemption
- 3) Jesus Christ and the Gospel
- 4) The Kingdom of God

## 5. Characteristics of the Bible

- 1) Inspiration: God inspired human authors to write it.
- 2) Inerrancy: No error in the original manuscripts
- 3) Authority: Supreme authority as the Word of God
- 4) Sufficiency: Contains all that is needed for salvation and godly living

## 6. Purpose of the Bible

- 1) To know God (John 17:3)
- 2) To reveal sin and God's plan of salvation
- 3) To guide believers in faith and life

## 7. How Should We Read the Bible?

- 1) With reverence (Psalm 119:105)
- 2) Read repeatedly

- 3) Pray as you read
- 4) Understand the big picture

## 8. Conclusion

- 1) The Bible is God's love letter to humanity.
- 2) It has the power to transform individuals and the church.
- 3) "Start with the Word!"