



Part 1: Introduction

INTRODUCTION – ROUTE 66

MODERN CRISIS – BIBLICAL IGNORANCE & SKEPTICISM

- Hosea 4:6 – *My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.*

THE BIBLE IS...

- Written over a period of 1,600 years
- Written by approximately 40 different authors from all walks of life: kings, farmers, philosophers, doctors, fishermen, poets, shepherds, politicians, military generals, scholars, tax collectors, priests, etc.
- Written in different places: prisons, deserts, luxurious palaces, in the middle of nature, Jerusalem, Babylon, Rome, etc.
- Written in different times: war, peace, famine, etc.
- Written in different emotional states: joy, sadness, anguish, fear, exuberance, perplexity, curiosity, suffering, etc.
- Written on three different continents: Asia, Africa, Europe
- Written in three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek
- Written to address hundreds of controversial issues

THE BIBLE IS...

- ▶ The Book of Books
- ▶ Inspired by God (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- ▶ A Love Letter (John 3:16)
- ▶ Worthy of Scrutiny (2 Timothy 2:15)
- ▶ To Be Studied Together
- ▶ An Important Message (Matthew 24:35)
- ▶ Living, Active & Penetrating (Hebrews 4:12-13)
- ▶ Personalized Guidance (Psalm 119:105)
- ▶ A Book to Believe & Put Into Practice (James 1:22-24; cf. John 5:24; Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; Revelation 22:18-19)

METAPHORS USED TO DESCRIBE THE VALUE OF THE BIBLE

- Like a lamp to my feet... a light for my path (Psalm 119:105)
- More desirable than refined gold (Psalm 19:10)
- Sweeter than honey from the honeycomb (Psalm 19:10)
- Like water that washes and purifies (Ephesians 5:26)
- Like a fire that burns (Jeremiah 23:29)
- Like a hammer that smashes rocks (Jeremiah 23:29)
- Like a double-edged sword (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)
- Like pure spiritual milk (1 Peter 2:2)

BIBLICAL LIBRARY – 39 OT Books + 27 NT Books = 66



The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. We are designed to live in community and at Creekside we gather weekly in homes to share, study God's Word and support one another spiritually.

LifeGroup Dates

Sign-Ups Begin: January 8 – 22 | Atrium
Session Dates: Weeks of January 22 – March 26

Future 2017 Sessions

April 23 – June 4 (sign-ups begin April 2)
August 27 – November 12 (sign-ups begin August 6)

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