

1. The Bible is special because of its **INFLUENCE**.

- The most published book in the history of the world.
- "Should be the basis of all literary education." Northrop Frye

Q #1 How has the Bible influenced you in your life? Give examples.

2. The Bible is special due to its claims to be of **DIVINE ORIGIN**.

"All **Scripture** is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

- A) Scripture (Greek—*graphé*) "that which is written"
- B) God—Breathed—inspired to reveal God's character, works, and will

Q #2 What attribute of God has influenced you the most? Be specific.

3. The Bible is special because of its **RELIABILITY**

Evidence #1 Trustworthy of Biblical Manuscript--5000 copies of scriptures

Evidence #2 Unity of the scriptures: 40 authors; three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek), 1500 years—One story with a consistent message: God, Sin, Suffering, Supplication, Salvation (in Christ alone), and Sanctification, starting now and for eternity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Evidence #3 The Preservation of Scriptures—no other book has survived such hatred and opposition over 100s of years!

Evidence #4 The Fulfilled prophecies of the Bible 1239--OT; 578--NT

Evidence #5 The Archeological Record—no findings have ever contradicted the Bible—Finding of the dead sea scrolls and Red Sea documentation.

Q#3 Which of the above findings fascinate you the most and why?

1. Get and read the pamphlet called *Why Trust the Bible*. Find it here: www.rose-publishing.com/Why-Trust-the-Bible-pamphlet-P263.aspx

Life Application

An important part of discipleship is learning how to apply God's truths to your life. Below are just a few ways you can start thinking about what you've learned and apply it to your daily life.

1. Memorize our memory verse, Hebrews 4:12.

2. Wrestle with one or two of these questions:

🏠 What criticism do you hear from others about the Bible? What is their reasoning? In two thousand years of church history, Christians have found answers to almost every objective question. You may want to find someone to point you in the right direction to find answers to criticisms you or someone else has about the Bible.

🏠 What do we know about God from the Scripture that we could not know any other way? What about Jesus' life, death, and ministry?

🏠 What truth or thought from this study has had the greatest impact on you? Why?

🏠 Have you ever read the entire Bible? Why or why not? You can read the Bible in a year if you read three chapters a day, Monday through Saturday, and four chapters on Sundays.

🏠 What's your favorite book or chapter in the Bible? Why? How has it made a difference in your life?

🏠 What command in the Bible have you been ignoring?

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