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A JOURNEY FAITH & LIFE CENTER SEMINAR

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

IN LESS THAN 3 HOURS

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Journey Purpose Statement

The Journey exists to give the people of Metro New York City
the best opportunity to become fully
developing followers of Jesus by

Inviting them to an intimate relationship with God,

Connecting them in healthy relationships with other Christians,

Guiding them toward an authentic commitment to God,

Involving them in life-changing ministry and mission in our city and
the world that they may

Honor God completely.

At The Journey we fulfill the Purpose Statement through 2 types of meetings:

- Large Group (Sunday Service)
- Small Group (Growth Group)

*"(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house."
– Acts 5:42*

*We believe Journey University enhances the Sunday Service & Growth Groups.

WARNING: This is a Dangerous Class!

This is a very dangerous class. More information about the God does not necessarily lead to a closer relationship with God. Knowledge alone can lead to arrogance and immaturity. The word Jesus used for such people is "hypocrite."

"Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies." – 1 Corinthians 8:1

- More Information + No Application = _____
- More Information + More Application = _____

A History of the Bible in Less Than 3 Hours

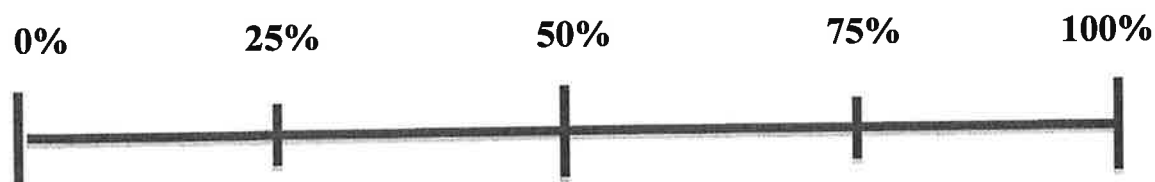
GOALS FOR THIS SEMINAR:

We want you to walk away from this seminar with...

- A solid theological understanding of what the Bible is and why God has given it to us
- A solid historical understanding of how the Bible came to be - who wrote it, when it was written and how the final cannon was settled
- An overview of the different sections of the Bible and their purpose
- A deeper understanding of why you can trust the Bible as God's Word
- A deeper desire to read, study and apply the Bible to your life

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL GOALS:

How much of The Bible do you believe?



Why do you believe The Bible is true?

Theology of the Bible: *What Is the Bible?*

5 QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE:

- 66 books
- 40 human authors
- written over span of 1600 yrs
- Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek
- most printed/purchased book
- 15 min a day can read in 1 year

5 TRUTHS ABOUT THE BIBLE:

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. The Bible is _____.

"But Jesus told him, 'No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.'" – Matthew 4:4

2. The Bible is _____.

"Every word of God proves true...Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you, and you will be found a liar." – Proverbs 30:5-6

3. The Bible is _____.

"This letter is from Paul, chosen by God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. It is written to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus." – Ephesians 1:1-2

4. The Bible is _____.

"And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself." – James 1:22

5. The Bible is the Ultimate Foundation of a Christian's Life because it:

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock." – Matthew 7:24-25

- **Sustains my** _____.

"Your words are what sustain me. They bring me great joy and are my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty." – Jeremiah 15:16

- **Directs my** _____.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path."
– Psalm 119:105

- **Illuminates and corrects my** _____.

"For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are." – Hebrews 4:12

"I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
– Psalm 119:11

- **Equips my** _____.

"Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other." – Colossians 3:16

- **Transforms my** _____.

"Don't lose sight of my words. Let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning."
– Proverbs 4:21-22

History of the Bible:

Where Did the Bible Come From?

Old Testament

The Old Testament is made up of _____ individual books...

and can be separated into _____ distinct sections.

- _____ (*prehistory – 1240 BC*)

The Torah is traditionally believed to have been written by _____...

and contains the _____.

- Genesis – *creation, Adam, Eve, Cain, Able, Tower of Babel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph*
- Exodus – *Moses and the escape from Egyptian captivity, wilderness, law*
- Leviticus – *In the wilderness, receiving God's law*
- Numbers – *In the wilderness, receiving God's law*
- Deuteronomy – *In the wilderness, receiving God's law, death of Moses*

- _____ (*1240 – 473 BC*)

- Joshua – *conquest of the promised land by Joshua and Israelites*
- Judges – *pre-monarchy Israel (Samson, Gideon, Deborah)*
- Ruth – *story of family lineage of David and Jesus*
- 1 Samuel – *prophet Samuel, the first king (Saul), David*
- 2 Samuel – *David's kingship, sins and redemption*
- 1 Kings – *David's death, Solomon's reign, Divided Kingdom*
- 2 Kings – *Divided Kingdom and into the Babylonian captivity*
- 1 Chronicles – *Priestly history*
- 2 Chronicles – *Priestly history*
- Ezra – *events in Israel at the time of return from Babylonian captivity*
- Nehemiah – *rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem after captivity*
- Esther – *Queen Esther saves her people through her courage*

- _____ (*approximately the same time as the History books*)

Traditionally, most of these were written by _____ and _____.

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

- _____ (*740 – 537 BC*)

In the Bible, prophets are not _____ ...

they are _____ to his people (comfort, warning, etc.).

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

- _____ (*800 – 300 BC*)

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

The Apocryphal Books

The books of the Apocrypha were written during the time between the Old and New Testament. It was the time of Jewish independence between the Babylonian Captivity (freed by Persians) and the Roman conquest of Palestine during the 1st century BC. They are not considered inspired books equal to scripture.

336-323 BC

167 BC

63 BC

37-4 BC

Empire of Alexander the Great (Greek language & cities)

Maccabean Revolt

Roman Empire

Herod the Great

KEY TO READING THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Read the Old Testament with _____.

(*“The Corner Stone” in Psalm 118:22, “The Suffering Servant” in Isaiah 53, etc.*)

Old Testament Promises Fulfilled in Jesus Christ

Genesis 3:15

Satan crushed

Genesis 12:1-3

Blessing to all through Abraham

Exodus 12

Passover sacrifice

Deuteronomy 18:15

Prophet like Moses

2 Samuel 7:13

Eternal kingdom to son of David

Psalm 2

Futile rage against God's anointed one

Psalm 22

The suffering of Christ

Isaiah 2:2-5

The coming kingdom

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The new covenant

Malachi 4:5

The forerunner to Jesus Christ

(From: The Kregel Pictorial Guide to The New Testament)

Life of Jesus (age 30 - 33)

AD 26

Luke 3: Jesus is "about thirty years old." is baptized in the Jordan River.

Matthew 4: Spends forty days in the wilderness, is tempted.

John 1: Calls his first disciples: Andrew, Peter, Phillip and Nathanael.

John 2: Performs first miracle at the wedding of Cana.

AD 27

John 2: Uses a whip to clear out the temple.

John 4: Speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well, heals the nobleman's son.

Matthew 4: Calls fishermen to be His disciples.

Begins healing the sick, lame, possessed, paralytic, blind, etc.

AD 28

Mark 3, Luke 6: After a night of prayer, selects His twelve apostles.

Matthew 5, Luke 6: Delivers the Sermon on the Mount.

Luke 7: Is anointed by the sinful woman.

Mark 4: Tells the kingdom parables.

Matthew 8: Calms the storm.

Luke 8: Heals Jairus's daughter.

Luke 9: Sends the Twelve out to preach.

AD 29

Matthew 14: Herod Antipas kills John the Baptist, Jesus feeds the 5,000.

Mark 6: Walks on water.

Mark 8: Feeds the 4,000.

Mark 9: Is transfigured.

John 9: Heals the blind man.

John 11: Raises Lazarus from the dead.

AD 30

Luke 17: Goes to Jerusalem.

Matthew 20: Predicts His death and resurrection, heals the blind Bartimaeus.

Luke 9: Speaks with Zaccaeus.

Matthew 21: Palm Sunday.

Matthew 26: The Last Supper.

Luke 22: Prays in Gethsemane.

Luke 22-23: Is arrested and tried by Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod Antipas. Pilate orders Jesus' death.

Luke 23: Dies by crucifixion, is buried.

Luke 24: Is resurrected from the dead. Followers find empty tomb.

Mark 16: Appears to Mary Magdalene.

Luke 24, Mark 16: Appears to followers on the road to Emmaus.

John 20: Appears to the disciples.

1 Cor. 15: Appears to more than 500.

Acts 1: Sends witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1: Ascends to Heaven.

| Year | NT book | Bible history |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 10 BC - AD 1 | (Books listed by earliest event recorded) Matthew Luke | <i>Luke 2:</i> Angel appears to Mary. John the Baptist is born. Jesus is born in Bethlehem. <i>Matthew 2:</i> Magi from Persia or Arabia visit Jesus. Angel in dream warns Joseph to leave. Joseph and Mary flee to Egypt with Jesus. Herod orders the death of boys age two and under. Joseph, Mary and Jesus go to Nazareth after Herod dies. |
| AD 1 - AD 9 | | <i>Luke 2:</i> Three sons of Herod rule the kingdom: Archelaus, Herod Antipas and Herod Phillip II. Jesus goes to Jerusalem for Passover. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple talking with the teachers, who are amazed by his understanding and answers. Birth of Saul of Tarsus (the apostle Paul). |
| AD 10 - AD 19 | | <i>Luke 2:</i> Jesus is obedient to his parents, increases in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. <i>Acts 22:</i> Saul leaves Tarsus in Asia Minor (Turkey) to study with Rabbi Gamaliel in Jerusalem. |
| AD 20 - AD 29 | Mark John | <i>Luke 3:</i> Pontius Pilate is made Governor of Judea (AD 26). Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. <i>Luke 4:</i> Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness. <i>John 1:</i> Jesus starts His ministry at about age thirty (AD 26). Jesus calls his first disciples. (See highlights of Jesus ministry below) |
| AD 30 - AD 39 | Acts | <i>Luke 22, 23:</i> Jesus is tried by Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod Antipas. <i>Acts 2:</i> Jesus is crucified, buried and resurrected. Delivers Great Commission, ascends to Heaven. Christian church founded. <i>Acts 7, 9:</i> Stephen is martyred. Phillip, Peter and Dorcas minister to others. Paul's conversion (circa AD 34). Herod Agrippa I made King of Judea (AD 37). |

- _____ (40 – 60 AD)

Paul's letters address _____ in the 1st century church.

- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

BOOK OF PHILEMON

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Philemon

Where: Prison in Rome

When: A.D. 60

Why: To encourage forgiveness in Philemon for his runaway slave Onesimus.

Key verse: *"And I'm praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ." - Philemon 1:6*

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- Jude

BOOK OF HEBREWS

Who: Unknown **What:** Letter to Hebrew Christians

Where: Unknown **When:** A.D. 64

Why: To remind the Jewish Christians, who are thinking of returning to the old laws, that Christ is superior to these traditions and laws in every way.

Key verse: *"Remember your leaders who taught you the Word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."*
- Hebrews 13:7-8

BOOK OF JAMES

Who: James (The Brother of Jesus) **What:** Letter to Jewish believers

Where: Jerusalem **When:** A.D. 45

Why: James presents Jesus Christ as Lord, the one who deserves the undivided commitment of those who are called by His name. Actions are a result of true faith.

Key verse: *"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world."* - James 4:7-8

- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Revelation

BOOK OF REVELATION

Who: John (The Beloved Disciple)

What: Letter to the Seven Churches

Where: Island of Patmos **When:** A.D. 95

Why: John writes to seven prominent churches to share his visions, give them hope, and call them to repentance.

Key verse: *"Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd, or the roar of mighty ocean waves, or the crash of loud thunder: Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."*

- Revelation 19:6

How the Bible Got to Be the Way It Is Today

3 Important Events:

- _____
 - Why was it important to settle on what books were in the Bible?
 - How was it determined which books would be included?
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - Council of Nicea in 325 AD (Jesus is fully God and fully human)
 - 3rd Council of Carthage 397 AD (agreed upon the biblical cannon)

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 - Begins with fall of the Roman Empire in 4th – 6th centuries AD
 - Very low literacy rate
 - Bible only in Latin
 - Only priest and highly educated had access
 - The Bible was not in the hands of people
 - Eventually led to abuses because most did not know the truth
 - 8th Century split between Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Church

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 - Johannes Gutenberg invents the printing press in 1450
 - Martin Luther's "95 Theses" on door of Wittenberg church
 - Protestant Reformation begins
 - 1611 King James Bible – first English translation

During the Reformation the Bible began to be translated from the original Greek and Hebrew into vernacular languages that ordinary people could understand for the first time. King James Bible – was written not to be the final translation...but so that ordinary people could have the Bible in a language they could read and understand. Connected with the invention of the printing press at the same time, the use of the Bible spread as never before

Bible Timeline

| <u>WHEN</u> | <u>WHO</u> | <u>WHERE</u> |
|--------------|---|---|
| Pre-history | Garden of Eden/Noah/Tower of Babel | <i>Genesis 1-12</i> |
| — | | |
| 1800-1700 BC | Abraham | <i>Genesis 12-24</i> |
| 1700-1600 BC | Isaac/Jacob/Joseph/Egypt | <i>Genesis 39-50</i> |
| 1600-1280 BC | Egyptian Captivity | <i>Exodus 1-2</i> |
| — | | |
| 1280 BC | The Exodus | <i>Exodus 3-15</i> |
| 1280-1240 BC | Wilderness/Laws | <i>Exodus/Deuteronomy/Leviticus</i> |
| 1240-1200 BC | Israelite Conquest | <i>Joshua</i> |
| 1200-1020 BC | Period of the Judges | <i>Judges</i> |
| — | | |
| 1020-1000 BC | Samuel and Saul/1 st King | <i>1 Samuel</i> |
| 1000-922 BC | United Kingdom | |
| 1000-961 BC | David is King | <i>1 & 2 Samuel</i> |
| 961-922 BC | Solomon is King | <i>1 Kings 1-11</i> |
| — | | |
| 922-587 BC | Divided Kingdom | <i>1 & 2 Kings/1 & 2 Chronicles</i> |
| — | | |
| 587-525 BC | Babylonian Exile | <i>2 Kings 25/2 Chron 36/Ezek/Daniel</i> |
| 520-515 BC | Rebuilding the Temple | <i>Haggai/Zechariah</i> |
| 445 BC | Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls | <i>Nehemiah</i> |
| — | | |
| 336-323 BC | Empire of Alexander the Great | |
| 167 BC | Maccabean Revolt | |
| 63 BC | Roman Empire | |
| 37-4 BC | Herod the Great | |
| — | | |
| 6 BC-27 AD | Jesus | <i>New Testament</i> |
| — | | |
| 40-60 AD | Paul's Letters/Ministry | |
| 65-70 AD | Gospel of Mark | |
| 70 AD | Fall of Jerusalem and Final Destruction of the Temple | |
| 80's AD | Gospel's of Matthew/Luke | |
| 90's AD | Gospel of John | |
| — | | |
| 325 AD | Council of Nicea | <i>Settled the Arian Controversy</i> |
| 397 AD | Third Council of Carthage | <i>27 NT books accepted</i> |
| 1517 AD | Martin Luther Posts 95 Theses | <i>Beginning of Reformation</i> |
| 1611 AD | King James Bible | <i>1st Bible in English</i> |
| 2002 AD | The Journey Church Begins | |

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by Wayne Grudem

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by Henrietta Mears

The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation
by Luke T. Johnson

Survey of the New Testament by Paul N Benware

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OTHER BIBLE RESOURCES:

The Journey's Year of the Bible & 2020 Bible Reading Plan:

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Alternative Bible Reading Plans: www.JourneyNYC.com/BibleReadingPlans

Online Bible: www.YouVersion.com

Other Online Resources:

www.BibleStudyTools.com

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