

5 Events that Shaped the Church

# **Gutenberg Printing Press**

## **The Main Thing**

In 1456, Johannes Gutenberg printed the first Bible on his printing press. Because of this new technology, copies of the Bible were able to be mass-produced for the first time ever. Until then, there were very few manuscripts of the Bible in existence. Even very few clergy had a copy. Now, the Bible would be available to many and would go on to be the highest selling book of all time.

## **Read the following verses together...**

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

### **2 Peter 1:20-21**

Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**The Bible claims to be God's Holy Word.**

**Matthew 5:18**

8For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

**Jesus says this book is God's Word.**

## **Questions & Facts For Discussion**

One of the ways we can know the POWER of Scripture is to see the many prophecies fulfilled... 300+ prophecies concerning Jesus' life alone which gives credibility to Jesus as the Son & the Bible as the Word!

The Bible is literally "God-breathed" (2 Tim. 3:16). In other words, it is God's very words to us. There are so many questions that philosophers have asked that God answers for us in the BIBLE.

What is the purpose to life? Where did I come from? Is there life after death? How do I get to heaven? Why is the world full of evil? Why do I struggle to do good?

Johannes Gutenberg himself said, "Let us break the seal which seals up Holy things and give wings to Truth in order that she may win every soul that comes into the world by her

word no longer written at the great expense by hands so easily palsied, but multiplied like the wind by an untiring machine.”

He was committed to spreading the TRUTH of the Gospel...  
ARE YOU?

**Take some time in the group to discuss these questions:**

We have before us the WORD of the Living God!

What are we doing with it?

How are we stewarding it?

Do we cherish it?

Do we share it?

How do we share it?

What would it look like to be in good rhythm with God’s Word?

## **The Bottom Line**

James 1:22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at

once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Let's learn to love the Word and be doers of it!

## **Where We Go From Here**

Next week, we will continue our series **5 Events that Shaped the Church**. *Bring Your Bible.*

