



5 EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE
CHURCH

FACILITATOR: You can go over GROUND RULES
if you think its needed.

REMINDE to the GROUP that when
they see this symbol **[Q]** it means
we are supposed to ASK a question
and **take time** to answer it together.



GROUND RULES for JOURNEY GROUPS

ACCOUNTABILITY: I'll show up every week unless I'm out of town or I've let the host know the (good) reason I will be absent.

PREPARATION: Before each meeting, I'll have listened to the weekend conversation, and have spent some time reading and reflecting upon God's Word.

AFFIRMATION: I acknowledge that every person in this group is at a different point in considering, seeking or following Jesus, and I will value and affirm people for where they are.

CONFIDENTIALITY: I'll maintain complete confidentiality. What I hear and say in the group stays in the group. **LISTENING:** I understand that others will need to be encouraged to share, to be open and to express emotion. I will let them do so, without being judgmental, trying to "fix" them or offering unsolicited advice.



GROUND RULES for JOURNEY GROUPS

SELF-AWARENESS: I understand that some of us are talkers and some are quieter, so I'll be aware of not dominating the discussion or always leaving the weight of it to others.

VULNERABILITY: I'll stretch myself to be as open and honest as I can with my perspectives and experience to create a safe environment that might encourage others to take risks, too.

CONFLICT: Community can be very messy, and conflicts may arise. I'll offer grace to others and won't leave the group over disagreements, realizing that God might use conflict in my spiritual formation in some way I don't currently understand.



EVENT #4... *King James Bible (1611)*

FACILITATOR ASK...

[Q] Ask the group to count for how many physical copies of the Bible they own? Count Individually & altogether

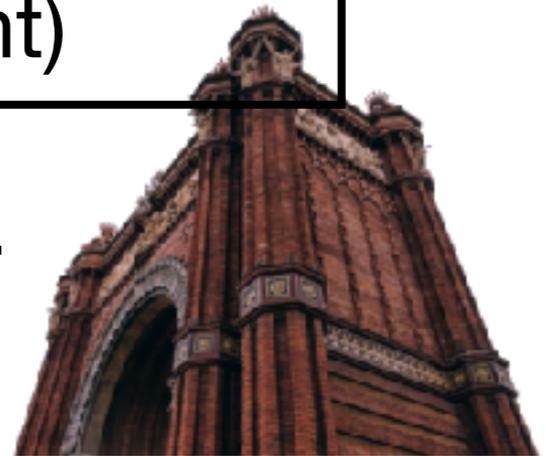
[Q] When was the first time you owned a Bible for yourself that you actually new and thought about or read?

The Bible was originally written in 3 languages...

[Q] Can anyone name them?

*Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek (New Testament)

Hand the device to the person who owns the most **Bibles**.



Ok Bible Scholar...

READ This to the Group...

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-7

[Q] What do you think it means to be *God Breathed*?

God Breathed comes from the Greek word meaning **INSPIRED**

There are two very important things to affirm if you say the Bible is in fact God's Word...

INSPIRATION and INFALLIBILITY

[Q] When you hear the word **INFALLIBLE** what do you think it means?

Hand the device to the person who **DIDN'T** come to
ENCOUNTER



We knew you weren't there!

READ the Group... Ways the Word God gets to us ...

Word of God as a **Person** = Jesus Christ

Word of God as **Speech by God** = God's decrees, "and God said, let there be light."

Word of God as a **Personal Address** = God speaks directly to us.

Word of God through **Human lips** = **Prophets** "someone who speaks as God's mouthpiece"

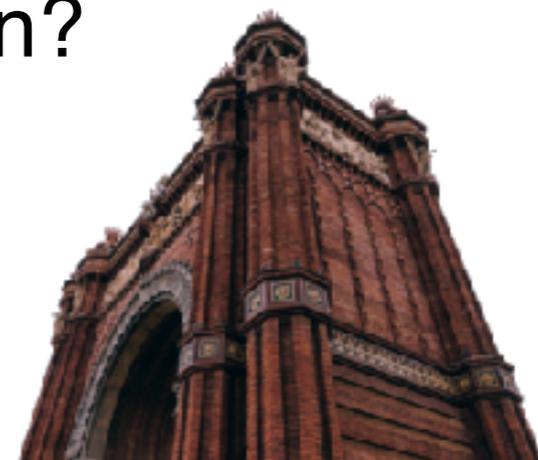
Word of God in **Written form** (the Bible) = 66 Books contained in the Bible.

[Q] Ask the Group to share how the Word of God speaks to them the most often?

[Q] Is it safe to say that the majority of us hear the words of God through the Word of God (Bible)?

[Q] Is the Word of God your go to in times of confusion?

Hand the device back to the **Facilitator**



Read to the Group...

The **BIBLE** is known to us and has been affirmed as the “closed” or complete Word of God. **[Canon]** With that as our affirmed reality, define the three characteristics of the Bible we talked about in the gatherings.

AUTHORITY. CLARITY. NECESSITY.

[Q] Why is it important to define the Word of God as the final **AUTHORITY** for us?

[Q] What does it mean that there is **CLARITY** in the Scriptures?

[Q] How reassuring is to know that in the canon (66 books of the Bible) we have everything needed to know things that pertain to God, Salvation, and Holy living? **NECESSITY**

Keep going FACILITATOR...



End by READING the following statements...

“The foundation of our religion is the written word, the Scriptures of God.” —Huldrych Zwingli (Reformer)

God has spoken to us in a reasonable way, in language we can understand, and has given us the gift of revelation, which is His willful disclosure of Himself.

As Carl F. H. Henry stated, “Special revelation is nothing less than God’s own forfeiture of His personal privacy so that we might know Him.”

[Q] Do you take the time to listen?

Close in prayer as a group.

