

ONE STORY ONE SCRIPTURE ONE SAVIOR

“The Bible is one story that unfolds in one book, by one author, about one subject. A story that moves from promise to fulfillment.”

-Alistair Begg

Whether you are brand new to exploring the Bible or you have read it many times, God’s Word is strong, wise, and applicable for our life situation. The stories in Scripture are the very Words of God written for the people He loves. No matter your age or situation, God’s Word is alive and given to each of us to know God and make Him known to the world.

At Northland, we are launching into 2021 with God’s Word as the foundation underneath us. Use your Bible and this simple study guide in your discipleship journey to dig deeper and equip others to be fully alive in Jesus.

1. Take a look at the Table of Contents of a Bible. There are two main parts: The Old Testament and The New Testament. How many books did you count in each Testament? What do you notice about some of the names of the Books of the Bible?
2. Each Testament is further grouped into sections. The activity below will help you get the books into sections.

A. Old Testament: First five books are Law. Next twelve are History. Five books are Poetry and Wisdom. The last seventeen books are the Prophets (Five Major Prophets; Twelve Minor Prophets).

B. New Testament: First four books are the Gospels. The next single book is History. Then twenty-one books are Epistles (Paul wrote thirteen Letters and there are eight General Letters). The New Testament closes with one Prophecy book.

What particular books and sections always grab your interest? Why?

1. **The One Story One Savior in One Scripture** is the theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation: Creation and Fall (Genesis 1-4), Redemption (Matthew 1-4), and Restoration (Revelation 21-22). What stories or characters do you recall in any of those divisions?
2. Read these Scriptures: 2 Peter 1:20-21 and Hebrews 1:1-2. Now answer these questions. Who was behind the writing of the Bible? Can you name some of the obvious human authors of some of the books in the Bible?
3. Name the occupation of some of the writers and major characters of the Bible from some of the following verses: Genesis 4:2; Genesis 40:21; Nehemiah 1:11; I Samuel 17:34-37; II Chronicles 29:26; Amos 7:14; Matthew 4:18-20; Acts 1:1-2; and Colossians 4:14. What does this tell us about the geography and history of the land of the Bible?
4. Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek are the original major languages in which the Bible is written. What other languages have you observed the Bible written in? Every translation we read that speaks to our hearts is how we hear God speaking to us. Check with our Bookstore team members for Bible translations for all ages.
5. From weddings to funerals, bondage to freedom, worship to teaching occasions, and family and community life, the Bible stories reveal the lifestyle of the people. What stories do you recollect to understand the culture of the people in the land of the Bible? (Ex: Genesis 24 and John 2:1-12; Exodus and Galatians 5).
6. Read Joshua 1:8-9; Psalm 19:7-14; Matthew 5:17-18; and II Timothy 2:15. Why should we read the Bible and what do we get out of it? Spend some time reading, thinking, meditating, and praying about this for your own purpose in life. Share your findings with your family and friends.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.