



# The Bible Series

## Home Group D-Guide

*What The Bible Is About*

**ICEBREAKER:** What drives you crazy?

**OVERVIEW:** In order to get to know someone better, you need to know their story. The same is true with God. In order to know God and interpret His word, it's important to understand His story. That's why we need to see the big picture of the Bible — what it's all about, from beginning to end. In this discussion we will dig deeper into the storyline of the Bible and learn more about becoming devoted students of God's word.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. **QUIZ:** Without using any references other than your sermon notes from Sunday, test your knowledge about the storyline of the Bible.
  - a. What is the name of the father of the nation of Israel? (Hint: His wife was Sarah.)
  - b. How long did the Jews live in Egypt before they were rescued from slavery?
  - c. What was the name of the man God used to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?
  - d. What is the word for a sudden departure of a large group of people?
  - e. How many years did the Jews have to wander in the desert before entering the Promised Land?
  - f. How long did the period of the Judges last?
  - g. Give the name of at least one Judge. (Hint: Long hair.)
  - h. What are the names of the first and only 3 kings of Israel before the Kingdom was divided? (Bonus: Name them in order.)
  - i. When the Kingdom divided, what was the name of the Northern Kingdom and how many tribes did it have?
  - j. What was the name of the Southern Kingdom and how many tribes did it have?
  - k. What nation conquered the Northern Kingdom and led the people away to captivity? (Bonus: What ultimately happened to the Northern Kingdom?)

**QUIZ continued...**

- l. What nation conquered the Southern Kingdom and led the people away to captivity?
  - m. How many years was the Southern Kingdom in exile before they were allowed to start returning to their homeland?
  - n. What do we call the period of time between the Old and New Testaments, and how long did this period last?
3. Read Psalm 1.
  - a. This chapter contrasts the godly and the wicked. Write down all this passage says about the godly?
  - b. What does this passage say about the wicked?
  - c. How does your treatment of Scripture compare to Psalm 1:2? Explain.
  - d. What do you need to do for your life to better reflect Psalm 1:2?
4. Read Matthew 7:24-27. What does this passage say about God's Word? How has the Bible brought you stability during the storms in your life?
5. Read John 8:32. What does this verse say about truth? How has God used His Word to set you free?
6. Read Joshua 1:8. What does this verse say about Scripture? How has the Bible made you more successful in life?

**The Last Word:** The Bible is about God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. The better you understand the big picture of the Bible, the better you can know God and grasp His word to you. Make a commitment to read through the Bible cover to cover in 2014.