Session 6

Why how I the

and should read

The Bible is the most...

- Popular
- Powerful
- Precious (Psalm 19:10)
- ... book in the world.

"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every **word** that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4).

- Bible: collection of books by 40+ authors over 1600 years
- Inspired: God-breathed

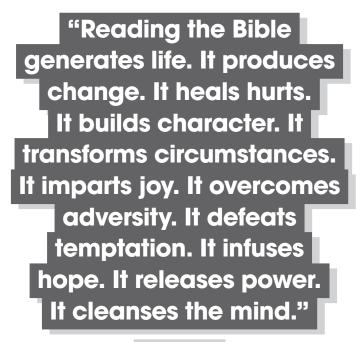
"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

But what about difficulties in the Bible?

- Jesus is the interpretive key
- It's authoritative (2 Timothy 3:16–17)
- Practical wisdom:
 - Guidelines for living
 - Guidance for good decisions

The Bible is like a love letter from God:

- To those exploring faith (Romans 10:17, John 20:31)
- To those who are Christians
 - Become like Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - Joy and peace in the midst of a storm (Psalm 23:5)
 - Guidance (Psalm 119:105)
 - Health/healing (Proverbs 4:20–22)
 - Defense against spiritual attack (Matthew 4:1-11)
 - Power (Hebrews 4:12)
 - Cleansing (John 15:3)



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• Make a plan

- Find a time
- Find a place ("a solitary place," Mark 1:35)
- Find a pattern

 Ask God to speak:
 Read a short passage
 Bible reading notes
 Bible in One Year app bibleinoneyear.org

Ask yourself:What does it say to me?What does it mean to me?How does it apply to me?

- Respond in prayer
- Put it into practice (Matthew 7:24)



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RECOMMENDED READING

Why Trust the Bible? Amy Orr-Ewing

30 Days Nicky Gumbel

The Bible (The Message is an acceptable paraphrase)

NIV Alpha Bible in One Year

Read the daily Bible in One Year commentary by Nicky Gumbel at **bibleinoneyear.org** or download the app from the App Store.