

## LESSON 1 – WE NEED THE BIBLE

### The Catechism

What is it? A book of instruction in the form of questions, numbered Bible passages, and answers based on those passages.

Who wrote it? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was it written? So that parents could teach their children the basic truths of the Bible.

### Why do we need the Bible?

#### 1. How can we learn things about God?

a.) \_\_\_\_\_

Tells me:

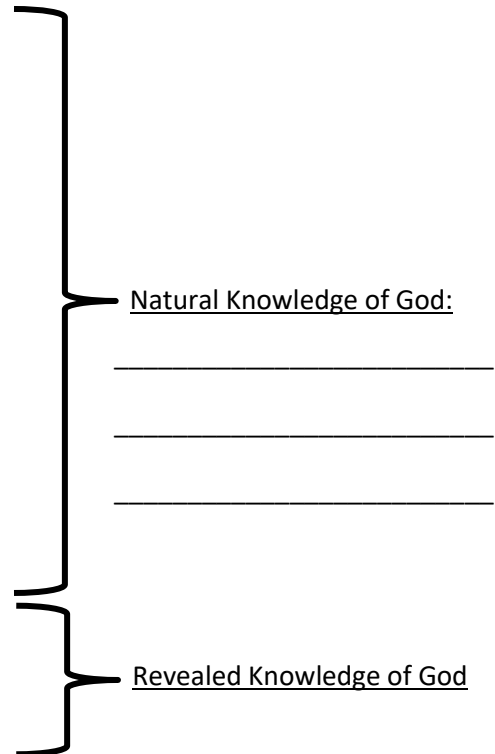
b.) Conscience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tells me:

c.) \_\_\_\_\_

Tells me:



#### 2. What is the Bible mainly about?

- Prophets: men through whom God spoke and who foretold that the Savior was coming
- Apostles: eyewitnesses and companions of Jesus whom he sent out to be his spokesmen after he was gone

a.) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. The Bible Overview

a.) The Bible is divided into two parts, both of them focusing on Jesus Christ (the Savior): what was written before Christ is called the Old Testament and what was written after Christ is called the New Testament. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has 27 books, written from 1400 BC – 100 AD.

b.) The **Prophets** wrote the **Old Testament** written in **Hebrew/Aramaic**, which contains...

- Histories: tell how God guided and cared for his people
- Poetry: writers use word pictures to ponder what God has done
- Prophecy: revealing God's will and telling the future

c.) The **Apostles** and **Evangelists** wrote **New Testament** in **Greek**, which contains...

- Histories: the life of Jesus and the spread of Christianity
- Letters (called Epistles): explaining the teachings of Jesus
- Prophecy: God had the Apostle John see a vision of the future until Judgment Day

#### 4. Navigating in the Bible

a.) The Bible is broken down into book, chapter, and verse. (Genesis 1:2)

- Some books are only one chapter long, so they just have a title and verse number (ex: Obadiah 15)

b.) Headings on top of page tells you beginning and ending chapter and verse

c.) Occasionally there may be an explanatory footnote inserted by the editors.

d.) It is OK to write in your Bible!

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#### Assignment for 9/26:

Memory Work:

- 2 Timothy 3:15
- OT Books (Genesis – Song of Songs)

Complete take-home quiz (two-sided)