

THE WORD OF GOD

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- There are more than 40 authors of 66 different books within the Bible.
- It was written in three languages—Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
- Approximately 400 prophecies regarding Jesus found in the Old Testament (a period covering 1,500 years) are fulfilled in the New Testament.
- Not one archaeological find has ever contradicted the words of the Bible, but many have supported it.
- There are more ancient copies of the Bible than any other ancient manuscript.

THE PURPOSES OF GOD'S WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- All scripture in the Bible is inspired by God.
- The Bible is useful, applicable to our lives and equips us for good works.

Psalms 119: 9-16

- The Word helps us stay out of darkness.
- The scriptures bring us joy as we are led down God's path.
- What are some areas in our lives where we need daily guidance?

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

John 8:31-32

- If we hold on to the Word, it will set us free.
- Intellectual belief in God or the Bible is not enough.
- What do you believe someone is "set free" from when they accept the truth?

Hebrews 4:12-13

- The Word is relevant for our lives today.
- The Word reveals the deepest part of our lives—it may hurt like a surgeon's scalpel, but it will also produce long-term healing.

THE PRIORITY OF GOD'S WORD

Acts 17:10-12

- We must have the desire and the character to check out what the Bible says.
- Application: Take the Berean Challenge and read the Bible every day!

James 1:22-25

- The power of the Word is evident when we obey it, not just when we hear it.
- Obeying God's Word brings blessings into our lives.
- How can you be deceived by merely listening to the Word?

John 12:48

- Why should someone take the time to study the Bible? There are many reasons, but ultimately it's because God's Word will judge us.
- Are you willing to study God's Word every day?