

## THE BIBLE\*

1. The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book; there's nothing like it

2. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ given and \_\_\_\_\_ composed

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."* 2 TIM 3:16-17 (NLT)

*"Inspiration is the Holy Spirit's leading and guiding of authors at the conceptual level so that what they write—with their own personality, propensities, vocabulary, worldview, and experience—is the precise message that God gave in a particular setting for a particular purpose at a particular time."* MICHAEL BIRD

The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ us, and \_\_\_\_\_ us

3. We consider Scripture to be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

*"The real test is whether one treats the Bible as normative for the life of faith, or whether one regards the Bible as negotiable."* BIRD

*"If you pick and choose the bits of Scripture you want to believe, it's not Scripture you believe, it's yourself"* Augustine

4. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ our time, but not \_\_\_\_\_ our time

5. We should take the Bible \_\_\_\_\_, but not always \_\_\_\_\_

*"When it comes to the matter of competent biblical interpretation, debates about taking the Bible literally or metaphorically are just plain missing the point."* BIRD

[\*7 Things I Wish Christians Knew About The Bible, Michael Bird. Zondervan]

6. The purpose of Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

*"I keep asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God."* EPH 1:17 (NLT)

*"The truest test for interpretation is the interpretation that compels us to love God and to love others with ever increasing affection and devotion."* Augustine

*"Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled."* ROM 15:4 (NLT)

God is \_\_\_\_\_ us and God is \_\_\_\_\_ us

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7. Jesus is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian Bible

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ."* 1 COR 3:11 (NLT)

*"If you want to understand the Bible, you need to understand Jesus. And if you want to understand Jesus, you need to understand the Bible."* BIRD

*"Keep God's Word in your heart, read and revere it, wrestle with its wisdom, ask questions, seek counsel, toil hard in the fields of biblical study, and the light of God's Word will illuminate your path wherever you go!"* BIRD

## WHY SHOULD YOU READ THE BIBLE?

1. THE BIBLE IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ us, and \_\_\_\_\_ us

*"...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* JOHN 8:32 (NLT)

\*All Scripture references are from the New Living Translation of the Bible unless otherwise noted