

# LESSON ONE: THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

## SESSION TWO

### TO THE LEADER/FACILITATOR

To help you be more effective in leading your small group discipleship study, we have prepared the **General Leadership Guide** to help steer you through the basics of facilitating a small-group study. If you have not already done so, please read the guide.

### ABOUT THIS SESSION

This is the second of four sessions that, taken together, explain how we know with certainty that the Bible is the Word of God. In the previous session, Pastor Rogers began demonstrating the Bible's scientific accuracy by discussing the science of astronomy. In this session, Pastor Rogers continues to focus on science by discussing the Bible's accuracy with respect to medicine and physiology.

### PREPARING TO LEAD/FACILITATE THIS SESSION

Read through the **Lesson Guide**, and watch the video in advance of the session. Review the **Additional Scripture to Study** at the end of the **Guide**, along with the suggested **Personal Application**. Make sure you print out enough copies of the **Student Handout** which mirrors this **Leader's Guide**.

### CONDUCTING THE SESSION

At the beginning of the session, read the **Introduction** to your group, then open discussion by asking the **Reflection Questions** before viewing the video segment. After viewing the video together, you may want to ask for comments before next leading your group through the **Amplification and Discussion** section. Feel free to add your own commentary if needed, but be cognizant of time and do not personally dominate the session. As you read through the **Amplification** section, engage your group by using the provided **Discussion Questions** to stimulate additional dialogue.

As you prepare to conclude the session, review the **Personal Application** for the week and encourage participants to engage in the suggested activity, as well as to read and study the **Additional Scriptures to Study** section. The **Additional Scriptures to Study** section contains questions or reflections intended to guide participants in their respective personal studies. This is best presented as a positive activity designed to help everyone in the group to grow spiritually through the week (as opposed to presenting the additional work as homework).

Allow participants to share prayer requests, and lead your group in prayer using any of the suggested formats recommended in the **General Leadership Guide**. Remember to provide an atmosphere of confidentiality within the group as participants share.

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### INTRODUCTION

There is a thought process today that says, "Truth is relative; your truth may not be my truth." That is quite absurd. Truth is truth. The color "black" is still black, even if someone else chooses to call it "white." Just because someone may believe in something that is false does not make it true. Our previous study contained the challenge to discern for oneself the scientific accuracy of the Bible, an area skeptics often claim is flawed, though few have ever really examined the facts. In that session, Pastor Rogers began demonstrating the Bible's scientific accuracy with respect to what it says about the Earth being hung in space, and the fact that the Bible declared the Earth to be a globe long before "science" ever discovered it to be round and not flat. He also demonstrated the Bible's accuracy with respect to astronomy and the stars. In this session, we look at another aspect of the Bible's scientific accuracy, medicine and physiology; subject areas for which, again, scientists are only now beginning to catch up with what the Bible has always said.

**OUR KEY PASSAGE**

**2 Timothy 3:16** “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- As we discovered in the previous session, astronomical information presented as “science” has often been little more than mythology or fable over the centuries. This is true also in the “science” of medicine and physiology. What are some of the “Old Wives’ Tales” remedies you may have heard of or grown up with over the years that were intended to cure maladies?
- If the Bible remains accurate in the area of science, how does that impact our faith? Should we be more inclined to believe that it is, in fact, God’s Word? Why?

**PRESENTATION OF VIDEO CLIP 2 OF: “How to Know the Bible Is the Word of God”****AMPLIFICATION AND DISCUSSION**

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**For Discussion:** There are those who despise the Bible, there are those who deny the Bible, there are those who distort the Bible, and there are those who disregard the Bible. How do you think these perspectives have served to impact our Christian faith?

**Amplification:** Did you know that in 1840 in Vienna, expectant mothers were dying of infection? They would go in for pre-natal examinations, become infected, then one out of every five Pregnant women would die before giving birth! The doctors were actually going from one examination room to another without washing their hands. As a matter of fact, the doctors were coming from the morgue where they had just performed autopsies and, without washing their hands, would then do pelvic examinations on expectant mothers. One after another, the doctor would unknowingly infect all of those he examined because he had not washed his hands. This was just roughly 150 years ago!

A doctor named, Simmelvise, the head of a hospital in Vienna, began to watch this. He directed all of his doctors to wash their hands after having conducted autopsies. After doing this, only one out of 84 pregnant mothers died, just because the doctors began to wash their hands! But then, there was an incident in which 11 out of 12 died in a row, even though the doctors had washed their hands after leaving the morgue. Dr. Simmelvise now directed his doctors to wash their hands between each examination. The doctors protested saying, “We can’t do that; it takes too much time!” They gave Dr. Simmelvise a terrible time and pushed back against his directive, but he stood his ground. Today, what doctor would even begin to think about going from one patient to another without scrubbing or changing gloves?

**For Discussion:** If the basic principles of hygiene, quarantine, and hematology (the study of the physiology of the blood) found in the Bible had been understood and practiced, in what ways do you think world history or the advancement of mankind would be different today?

**Amplification:** The Bible says, “This is the law when a man dies in a tent: All who come into the tent and all who are in the tent shall be unclean seven days; and every open vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, is unclean. Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days” (Numbers 19:14-16). Without the people understanding anything about the science of medicine as we understand it today, the Bible prescribed time for germs and bacteria to die, and gave instructions for not contaminating others.

**For Discussion:** Has information about the scientific accuracy of the Bible impacted your confidence in the Bible as being the Word of God? How do you think you might possibly change the way you will approach Scripture in the future? Explain.

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

During your devotions this week, take time to thank the Lord for His Word, the Bible, and how it transcends the ages to give us timeless truths. Ask Him to open your understanding and to give you a hunger to learn.

### GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

**Suggested group prayer** – “Lord, continue to open our eyes and hearts to Your truths.”

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE TO STUDY

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