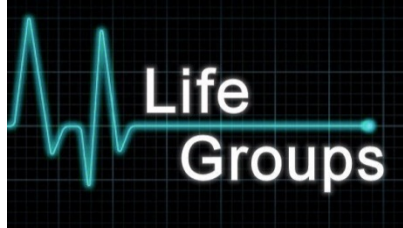


Fact, Fiction or Fantasy
Week 1
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GETTING STARTED (CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH IF YOU LIKE)

1. *What is your favorite quote?*
2. *What clubs were you a member of in High School?*

DIGGING DEEPER

1. *How do we distinguish fact from fiction? What is the difference between fiction and fantasy?*

Archeological & scientific discoveries, along with prophetic revelations authenticate the Bible as the inspired Word of God. The Bible is actually a collection of 66 smaller books written over a period of at least 1600 years by about 40 different authors, yet it tells one complete story. *So, what do you think that story is? Bridges, tunnels...in what other ways do people try to connect?*

How does God use His Word to connect with us?

2. In 1839 Alexander Campbell, Christian educator and founder of Bethany College in W. VA. wrote, "The Bible is to the intellectual and moral world of man what the sun is to the planets in our system, the fountain and source of light and life, spiritual and eternal..."

What is the sun to our planets? How is that like the Bible in relation or with respect to us?

3. **Read 1 Cor. 2:10-11** *Who is it that searches all things, even the deep things of God?* **Read 1 Cor. 2:12-13** *According to 12 & 13, what is a major function of the Holy Spirit?* **Read 1 Cor. 2:14** *Why do some consider the Bible to be fiction or fantasy? How should we respond to non-believer's comments about the Bible? Should we ever argue with them?* **Read 1 Cor. 2:15-16** *What warning is there for Christians concerning judgments?*

4. **Read Matt. 24:35** *What does God say about this world compared to His Word?* **Read John 12:44-50** *According to verse 48, what will happen to those who do not accept the Word of God?* **Read Rev. 20:11-12** *These verses describe the terrible fate that awaits those who rejected Christ. These verses should create in the heart of a believer a sense of urgency and a resolve to live for Christ in such a way as to bring as many non-believers as possible to Him. In order to do that we need to read and meditate on the Word of God.*

The Bible will: help you become a better Christian, teach you about God, give you direction, & comfort you in times of trouble.

What other gifts have can you glean from God's Word?

What does he want you to do next in your spiritual journey?

TAKING IT HOME

Ask God to show you how you can, "**help people find and follow Christ.**" Make a list of those who are in your sphere of influence who do not know Christ as Lord and Savior. Pray for them daily.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday: Psalm 119:1-11

Tuesday: Psalm 119:105

Wednesday: Psalm 119:160

Thursday: Psalm 19:7-11

Friday: Psalm 138:1-8

Saturday: Psalm 12:6-7