

1 The Bible - The Living Word of God



The Word of God

□ Read Psalm 33:4-9; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21 and then summarise what you think are the main points from these passages.

God speaks through people

Look at Exodus 17:14; Exodus 32:16; Numbers 33:2; and Joshua 24:26,27. What do these passages tell you about God's reasons for causing the Bible to be written, and how it was done?

The Spirit of God drove the prophets to speak the words of God

Read Jeremiah 20:1-3, 7-13 and think how the Spirit of God and Jeremiah's own feelings are brought together.

The prophets witnessed by their actions as well as their words

Think about Ezekiel (chapters 4 and 5) and Hosea (chapters 1-3), and summarise how they demonstrated God's message by their actions.

Above all, God spoke through the Lord Jesus Christ



Look at John 12:48-50 and put into your own words what Jesus is telling us about his relationship with God.

The New Testament writers were inspired in just the same way

Notice how Paul (2 Peter 3:16), and Luke (1 Timothy 5:18) are specifically referred to.

Through the Bible the Spirit of God can change us



Look at Romans 7:18-23, Galatians 5:17 and Titus 3:3. What do these passages tell us about ourselves?

The scriptures were recorded for us as well as for those who originally received them, and are still powerful to change us. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12; Romans 4:23-24; Acts 19:17-20; Hebrews 4:12 and think about what these passages tell us.





Discuss these verses and think about how the influence of God's Word can change us

Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119:98

Psalm 119:165

John 12:48

John 15:3

John 17:17

Acts 20:32

Romans 10:17

1 Thessalonians 2:13

2 Timothy 3:15-17

James 1:21

1 Peter 1:23-25

Draw lines from the passages to the reasons you have identified, so that where a reason occurs more than once you will not need to write the reason again. Do some reasons occur more often than others?