

## KNOWING GOD GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## SESSION THREE

### GOD & SCRIPTURE

#### SOCIAL TIME

Take ten minutes for the group to get acquainted or catch up over snacks and refreshments. Then, after gathering everyone into a comfortable circle, share something like the following introduction.

#### INTRODUCTION

Most people would agree that the Bible is an important piece of literature, and an influential text that has lasted millennia. But is it any more than that? Is it more than literature, or history, or art? Is the Bible truly Scripture— God’s written word? If so, how should we approach the Bible? Should we study it like a textbook or treat it as a manual for life? Perhaps even more pressing than all those questions are these: Why should we bother reading the Bible at all? Is it even relevant to life today? What can we learn from it? Let’s watch today’s video and then discuss it together.

#### VIDEO: THE CURIOSITY COLLECTIVE: GOD & SCRIPTURE

**PLAY VIDEO**

#### Questions for Discussions

After watching the video, choose from this list of questions or ask some of your own to facilitate discussion. There’s no need to limit your discussion to these questions or to feel pressured to cover all of them in the time you have.

- In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in this video? What did you find intriguing or compelling?

- If someone asked you to describe the Bible, how would you respond?
- What biases—positive or negative—do you have about the Bible?
- In the video, Micah said, “The Bible was not necessarily written just for information; it was written for transformation.” What does that mean to you?
- Do you think the Bible is still relevant to life today? If so, what areas of your life might the Bible impact?
- Can you think of a time when you’ve been surprised by the way the Bible seemed to have something particular to say to you, like David mentioned?
- Jo said that she learned who Jesus was through the Bible. What do you believe you can learn about God through the story of the Bible?

## WRAP-UP

### Thoughts to Share with the Group

To the best of your ability, summarize the main points of your group’s discussion. Or, if you are more comfortable, use the text below as a launching pad for concluding the session.

More than a simple book, the Bible is a collection of letters, songs, laws, history, poetry, and prophecy that paints a vivid and complex picture of God’s relationship with creation. When looked at as a whole, the stories in the Bible tell a grand, overarching story about God and humanity. Through its pages, we get a glimpse of God’s character and His redeeming love for all of mankind, for each of us. For Christians, the Bible is not just about God’s past activity in the world. It’s more personal than that. The Bible is the story of God’s present activity in the lives of every person.

### Follow-Up Resources

As you wrap up this session, share or summarize these bullets:

- Inform the group that you’ll be sending some follow-up resources so people can continue to explore God.
- Thank people for joining the discussion, and invite them to stick around if they want to continue the conversation.
- Encourage everyone to read Chapter 2 and 4.
- Handout the **gifts test card** and encourage everyone to take the gifts test at home before the next meeting time. As the next session will be highlighting our unique gifts and fit at TVC. Have everyone bring their results to the next group!

### Additional Resources Week Three

Check out [tvclifegroups.com](http://tvclifegroups.com) under life group resources, then click Explore God. On the week three page there is a PDF of additional resources you can download and email to your group.

Recommended Bible Verses

[John 1](#)

[James 1](#)

[Proverbs 1](#)