

# THE BIBLE ISN'T BORING

## Leader Conversation Guide – The Bible Isn't Boring: Part I

### Main Idea

Have you ever picked up the Bible and felt like it was just another old book? Maybe you've struggled to understand it or wondered if it really applies to your life today. But here's the truth—the Bible isn't outdated, irrelevant, or boring. It's alive. It's powerful. It's God's voice speaking to us. The Bible is not just a collection of ancient writings. It was written over 1,600 years, across 12 different countries, on 3 continents, by 40 contributors—yet it tells one unified story with one ultimate Author: God Himself. Scripture is not man's ideas about God; it is God revealing Himself to us through His inspired Word. God has a plan for your life. He uses His Word to guide, shape, and prepare you for the good works He's called you to do. The question is: Are we seeking His Word and allowing it to change us? As we dive into this discussion, let's open our hearts to how God's living Word is meant to impact our lives today.

**For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

HEBREWS 4:12

### Make It Practical: What's the Bible all about?

The Old Testament (39 Books) lays the foundation for God's relationship with His people, pointing forward to the coming of Jesus.

- The Law (5) – Genesis to Deuteronomy, outlining creation, God's covenant, and His commands.
- History (12) – Joshua to Esther, detailing Israel's journey, victories, and struggles.
- Poetry & Wisdom (5) – Job to Song of Solomon, filled with prayers, songs, and life lessons.
- Major & Minor Prophets (17) – Isaiah to Malachi, calling people to repentance and foretelling the Messiah.

The New Testament (27) reveals Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises and the birth of the Church.

- The Gospels (4) – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, telling the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Acts – The history of the early Church and the spread of the Gospel.
- Paul's Letters (13) – Teaching and encouragement for the early churches.
- General Letters (8) – Written by other apostles, guiding believers in faith and practice.
- Revelation – A prophetic vision of Christ's return and God's ultimate victory.

Through every book, the Bible is alive and powerful, revealing God's truth and His plan for our lives.

## Talk About It

The Bible is both alive and powerful (2 Peter 1:20-21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17). How does knowing that Scripture is God's Word, not man's ideas, change the way you approach reading it?

The world tells us that truth is based on feelings or personal experiences, but Jesus says in John 17:17 that God's Word is truth (reality). Can you think of a time when God's truth contradicted your circumstances? How did His Word help you navigate that situation?

Philippians 2:12 tells us to "work out our salvation with fear and trembling." The Bible has the power to transform us from the inside out—but only if we allow it to. What are some practical ways you can engage with Scripture so that it shapes your daily life?

**God's Word changes us from the inside out.  
It can be life transforming, if you allow it to.**

## Prayer

Father, thank You for giving us Your Word so that we can learn about You and live by Your truth. Give us a hunger for the Bible like never before this year. Encounter us as we read it, and teach us how You want us to live. Give us courage to stand on Your Word when others challenge it. And help us be transformed by Your Word and to "hide Your Word in our hearts" so that we can live it out every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Next Steps

Encourage your group to get into God's Word daily! There's nothing like sitting down with a good paper Bible, but one easy way to get in the Word daily could be by simply starting their day with the Verse of the day on the YouVersion Bible App, or starting an online plan as a Group together to read and discuss daily!