

The Bible

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

Romans 10:17 – So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

About the Bible

1. The Bible is God's way of showing Himself to us. Although God's existence is already obvious through all of His Creation around us, not only does God more fully show us Himself in Scripture, he also shows us our need for Him and how we can be saved.
2. The Bible is also the highest authority on everything having to do with God. That means that it has the final say in any argument about God and it also means we don't need any other word from God. We have all we need for our salvation and spiritual lives in the Bible.
3. The words of the Bible are the actual Words of God. 2 Peter 1:21 says that "no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." That means that even though humans wrote down the words in the Bible, they only wrote what God told them to.
4. Because the Bible is the actual words of God, it is perfect just like God. That means that it can never be wrong or contradict itself. It also means that it has the authority of God.

With all of those things in mind, we can see that the Bible is incredibly important. Over the next few weeks we will talk about what the Bible tells us about God, ourselves, and our relationship with Him. But none of that matters if we don't believe in the importance and authority of the Bible.

Questions:

1. Does the Bible tell us everything we need to know about anything?
 - a. No! The Bible doesn't tell us about rocket science or what we are having for dinner, but it does tell us everything we need to know about salvation and spiritual life.
2. Can we be saved without ever hearing what the Bible says?
 - a. No! The message of the Bible is the only message that can lead to salvation. If people try to find it in anything else, they won't!