



Five Reasons the Bible Will Change Your Life | Shawn Johnson | 10.31.21
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

Share something you learned from last week's challenge

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Shawn continued our series "Five Reasons" by reminding us of the power in the Word of God and the importance of reading the Bible as a daily practice. It is transformational. But before we dive in, keep sharing your stories! Invite someone who has not yet had a chance to tell their story to share by using the following questions as prompts.

1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?
2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.
3. How have you changed in the last five years?

GROW

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:22

Share with your group one thing that stood out to you from these Scriptures.

The Bible is the very breath of God (2 Timothy 3:16). God's Word is powerful and effective (Hebrews 4:12). It is the complete story of God's deep love and affection for His most prized possession, you and me. God's Word has the power to transform the way we love ourselves and it will also transform the way we love others. Billy Graham once said, "The Bible is God's love letter to us, telling us not only that He loves us, but showing us what He has done to demonstrate His love."

Reflecting on this, how can this shift the way you view/read the Bible?

How has reading the Bible transformed the way you view the world?

MOVE

In week two of "Five Reasons," Shawn gave us *Five Reasons the Bible Will Change Your Life* and we are going to go through each of the five reasons together.

1. The Bible Connects Us to Our Heavenly Father

And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:18)

In your experience, has reading the Bible connected you intimately with the Father? And how has it connected you intimately with the Father?

2. The Bible Tells Us What God Thinks About Us

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." (1 John 3:1)

What is easy to accept what the Bible says about you?

Why can it seem difficult to accept what the Bible says about you?

3. The Bible Shows Me the Way of Salvation

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

How did God use the Bible in your journey in becoming a follower of Jesus? Or how is He using the Bible to reveal His redemptive plan in your life?

4. The Bible Reminds Me of His Grace

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

How has the Bible helped shape your understanding of God’s grace in your life? How has this shaped the way you receive and extend grace?

5. The Bible is God’s Spoken Word to Us

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Do you believe that the God of the Universe speaks through His inspired written Word, the Bible? Explain.

What is one way in your life that you know that God has clearly spoken to you?

This Week’s Challenge

Read the Bible each day. This could be starting in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) or reading a verse of the day from an app. Whatever it may be, ask God to speak to you and take note of what He says. Share it with someone this week.

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...
-Revelation 12:11