



LESSON THREE:
IT IS WRITTEN

TO BEGIN

Other than the Bible, what book or books have greatly influenced you and why?

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. Romans 10:17 says that faith comes from hearing the message through the Word of Christ. What does that mean? How does that happen? Elsewhere in scripture, faith is described as a gift and yet Romans 10:17 says that faith comes from hearing... how can both be true at the same time?

2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does it mean that scripture is God-breathed (hint—read Genesis 2:7)? How is the Bible described here? How are Paul's words about the Bible still relevant today?

3. Read Isaiah 55:11. In your opinion, how has the Bible always succeeded and never failed? Share about a time when the Bible's wisdom helped you navigate a difficult situation or complex decision?

4. According to Hebrews 4:12, how is the Bible described and what does the Bible do? How have you seen the Bible judge your thoughts and attitudes, as well as the thoughts and attitudes of others?

5. Read Psalm 19:7-11, and list the different ways the Bible is described, along with what the Bible does. Out of all the ways the Bible is described, which description resonates with you the most and why?

6. The 19th century German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, was an outspoken critic of the Bible and stated the following about Christianity: "It drove the movement for the abolition of slavery and promoted care for the weak, such as widows, orphans, the handicapped, and leprosy patients. From liberating and rehabilitating temple prostitutes to reforming prisons and bringing sanity and morality to wars, the biblical tradition has been the most powerful civilizing force." As believers, we take Nietzsche's insult as a compliment. In your opinion, how has the Bible made society better?

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND DEEPER STUDY

Read Psalm 19:7-11 every day for the next 7 days.

Memorize one of the passages in this lesson.

Do a deeper study on some of the passages listed in this lesson.

Read Psalm 19:7-11 and follow the prompts below:

- What does this passage say about God?
- What sins and mistakes does the passage warn you to avoid?
- What promises does God make in the passage?
- According to the passage, what attitudes should you have?
- How were you challenged by this passage?
- How might this passage inspire you to set a better example for others?
- Summarize this passage in one sentence.