

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Defense, part 3, Oct 6, 2019

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16 (CSB)

2. In other words, the scriptures are “God-breathed” and are useful for teaching us at least three things:

- for showing people what is wrong in their lives
- for showing them how to correct what’s wrong
- and for teaching them how to live right.

Give a practical example of each.

3. The word “Bible” means \_\_\_\_\_. A collection of writings. But it’s not just any book. We believe that it is the written Word of God.

4. When we do things our way we make a mess and when we do things God’s way we experience His \_\_\_\_\_. Can you share a story?

5. Read Romans 1:20. How does God make Himself known to us through His creation?

6. God directed the writing of His Word using approx. \_\_\_\_ different writers. The Bible consists of \_\_\_\_ books divided into two sections, The Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament has \_\_\_\_ books. The New Testament has \_\_\_\_ books.

7. How was it possible for a book of history that covered 2,000 years to have one single theme? There is only one explanation. The Scriptures are inspired by God. Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. Discuss.

8. One of the reasons we believe and honor the Old Testament today is because Jesus believed and honored the Old Testament. Discuss.

9. The canon of the New Testament as we know it today was confirmed in A.D. 397. Three things were required by the council for the manuscripts to be accepted as part of the canon:

- was the book apostolic in origin
- was the book used and recognized by the churches
- did the book teach sound doctrine. Discuss.

10. The Bible is the source of truth for the Christian. The Bible must be properly understood and interpreted in its proper context. As you read the Scripture, ask these questions: Who is the writer or speaker? Who is being spoken to? What is the relationship? What is the primary teaching of the passage? Is there an application that can be made?

11. The Bible is not just a history book. It’s a supernatural book. The Bible becomes alive to you when you open your heart and it is illuminated by the Holy Spirit. Read Matthew 16:15-17 and Luke 24:27, 31, 45