

**LESSON #1**  
**"WHY THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN"**

**TEXTS: II Timothy 3:16,17; Ecclesiastes 12:13**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Most people in our country have Bibles in their homes.

- a. Cover may be worn
- b. Pages may shine
- c. Just for show
- d. Used in case all else fails (spare tire)

In many countries there is a lack of Bibles. In the United States there is not a lack of Bibles, but a lack of Bible study.

- a. Hard to understand
- b. Just can't find time
- c. Don't need to understand it

If the world knew what the Bible could do for them, there would be no problem with a lack of Bible study.

**THE QUESTION WE ASK IN THIS FIRST LESSON: WHY DO WE HAVE A BIBLE AND WHY WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN?**

Psalms 119:18 - (man needs to open his eyes)  
II Peter 1:21

Moses was educated in the wisdom of the Egyptians, was a shepherd and a leader.

Ezra	Scribe
Nehemiah	Cupbearer to the king
David	Shepherd, war hero, King
Solomon	Wisest man on earth
Ezekiel	Jewish exile
Daniel	Statesman
Amos	Shepherd
Matthew	Tax collector
Peter	Fisherman
John	Fisherman
Luke	Doctor
Paul	Tentmaker

These men were separated by time, distance, culture, and language. Sixty-six books were written by some forty men over sixteen hundred years. The Bible is characterized by complete unity and harmony (II Timothy 3:16).

## **WHY WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN?**

### **I. TO REVEAL GOD**

- A. His identity John 4:24
- B. His nature John 3:16; I John 4:8
- C. His will for man Ecclesiastes 12:13

### **II. TO GUIDE US**

- A. Man has tried to guide himself down through the years, only to end in misery.

II Timothy 3:17 - we don't need additional revelations.

### **III. THE BIBLE GIVES US THE ANSWERS TO LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTIONS.**

- A. Where did I come from? Genesis 2:7
- B. Why am I here? Ecclesiastes 12:13
- C. Where am I going? Ecclesiastes 12:7

### **IV. THE BIBLE REVEALS TO US SIN AND ITS EFFECT ON MANKIND.**

- A. Isaiah 59:1, 2
- B. Romans 3:23
- C. I John 1:8
- D. Romans 1:18

### **V. THE BIBLE REVEALS TO US GOD'S ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF SIN.**

- A. Hebrews II: 6
- B. Romans 10:17
- C. Luke 13:3
- D. Matthew 10:32, 33
- E. Mark 16:16

### **WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT THE BIBLE?**

God in all of His wisdom gave mankind a road map to find his way to heaven.