

# THE BIBLE



## Leader's Guide

### Overview

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe it was uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and was written without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is our supreme and final authority. Reading the Bible daily, and getting a good grip on its content, is critical to any believer's growth and maturity. In this session we will learn what makes the Bible unique and how to practically get a firm grasp on this timeless book.

### Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- 15 minutes – Greet & Treat. Welcome people. Have sticky nametag for each person.
- 30 minutes – Intro & Video. Introduce the topic, hand out blanks and show the video.
- 35 minutes – Discussion. Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- 10 minutes – Prayer. Ask for prayer requests, and have several people pray.

### Specific Session Tips

- Consider duplicating the "Grasp Your Bible" exercise you saw on the video by having each person hold up their Bible and have others try to knock it out while holding with one, two ... and then all fingers. Emphasize that the Word of God is like a sword. We need a good grip!
- Challenge people memorize and meditate on one verse this week – every day! (See *Bonus Materials* for a sample Scripture Verse Memory Program)
- Challenge people to read the Bible for 15 minutes EVERY DAY this coming week.

### Weekly reminders

- Pray! Before your meeting, pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week and what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they can stay – but give those who need to leave the option as soon as the class time expires).

### Possible Discussion Questions

1. Have everyone share one thing they appreciate about The Rock Church.
2. Which of the six "Grasp Your Bible" elements do you find easiest to accomplish? Why?
3. Which of the six "Grasp Your Bible" elements do you find most challenging to accomplish? Why?
4. How hard was it for you to not think about the "Red Faced Monkey"? Why do you think that was?
5. Can anyone give an example of the "Application Bridge" for a specific passage in the Old Testament? **For example:**

**Psalms 44:6-8** I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame. In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.

- 1) What did this verse mean in past? 2) What is timeless principle? 3) How can you practice it today?