



LEADER'S GUIDE

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: Session #2
Getting God's Word Out To The World!

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SHARING QUESTIONS

LEADERS: Pair up or go around the group and have a few people answer the questions below. (5-7 minutes)

- **Describe** your earliest recollection of hearing God's Word read or spoken.
- **Describe** your earliest recollection of God's Word speaking directly to your heart when either reading it or hearing it when preached.
- **Share a time** when you found yourself in a debate over the voracity of God's Word. Describe how you felt it went or how it left you feeling.
- **Share a time** when you found yourself seriously questioning the accuracy of God's Word.

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WHAT GIVES US CONFIDENCE that the Bible can be trusted to be God's written word to us?

1. INTERNAL EVIDENCE: What does the bible itself claim about God's word?

a. Old Testament Claims: (15-20 minutes)

LEADERS: Give the verses to different individuals to read. The main idea is simply that each verse says *the Word of the Lord came to*. The point being that the Bible claims internally to be the Word of God. You do not need to comment on each verse, just highlight how many times this statement is made. It literally appears dozens if not 100s of times in the Bible.

- **Hosea 1:1**
- Hosea 1:2
- Hosea 1:4
- Hosea 1:9

- **Joel 1:1**

- **Amos 1:3**
- Amos 1:6
- Amos 1:9
- Amos 1:13
- Amos 2:1

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b. New Testament Claims: (15-20 minutes)

LEADERS: Give the verses to different individuals to read.

The New Testament's teaching approach is from a different angle but the testimony is still very strong.

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- **Hebrews 4:12**
- **2 Peter 1:21-22**
- **1Thessalonians 2:13**

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2. EXTERNAL EVIDENCE: (5-7 minutes)

What do you know to be true about the Bible, simply as a book, or in comparison to other books?

LEADERS: The participants do not have the following information in their notes.

- 1st book to be printed
- #1 all time best seller
- #1 in volume of books
- #1 In breath of circulation
- #1 In translation – printed in more languages than any other book

There is no category that the Bible is not number one in. It has been said that if the bible was destroyed you could reproduce it in it's entirety from quotes within other books in the library of congress.

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3. PERSONAL EVIDENCE:

Stop and Reflect more deeply about how the ways or areas of the Bible has impacted your life directly?

LEADERS: Ask the participants to jot down a few key words under each question, then come back as a group and have each person share one way the bible has impacted them. (10-12 minutes)

How has the bible impacted ...

- The way you view the World?
- How you speak? The words you use or don't use?
- Specific attitudes you have towards work, race, the marginalized, women, men, or children?
- Change in your specific behaviors?
- Your actions? Are there actions you do or have done that because of the bible?
- Your media/television viewing, reading, or listening habits?

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4. YOUR LIFE WITHOUT THE BIBLE

Try and imagine for just a few minutes what it would be like, or how things would be different, if the bible had never been a part of your life in any way, shape or form?

LEADERS: You may need to help some participants. Based on their family background and upbringing some may have destroyed marriages, families, children, addiction issues, sexual immorality, ethical problems, etc. Provide 5-7 minutes to give everyone time to give this a little thought and then to **pair up to share**.

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5. IS THE BIBLE WORTH IT TO YOU?

LEADERS: Pair up and share (3-5 minutes)

On Sunday you heard that throughout the centuries men and women have given their lives to get God's Word, His message of hope into the hands of people who do not have it. What would you be willing to do personally to help get the Word into the hands of those who have never heard a single verse of it?

PRAYING INTO THIS

LEADERS: This can be done either in pairs or as a whole group.

- Start by thanking God for His Word in your life. Thank Him for a few of the ways that it has changed your life, shaped your character or renewed your mind.
- Then be honest, some of us may need to admit that getting God's word out to those who do not have it, isn't that important to us. You may need to cry out to the Lord and ask Him to supernaturally change our hearts.

CLOSE OUT THE EVENING by talking about how you could start to move in the direction of your prayer. (3-5 minutes in pairs or as a group)

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