

*Connect Group notes 16 Feb 2026*

*'READ THE BOOK, DONT WAIT FOR THE MOVIE'*

*Don continued his new series about the Bible on Sunday.*

*He focused on it's 'provenance/origin' and 'purpose/object'.*

*The origin of the scriptures is divine, it's purpose is to bring us to Christ – the word made flesh.*

*(See 2 Timothy 3:16 and Hebrews 4:12)*

*The book is to guide us beyond to the person of Jesus, providing...*

*Revelation*

*Inspiration, and*

*Illumination*

### *1. The Bible's provenance*

*Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and Hebrews 4:12*

- What does it mean that the word of God is "living"?*
- How have we known God's word to be "alive and powerful" in our own lives?*
- What is it like when we feel 'seen' when reading a particular part of scripture?*
- If God's word is Holy Spirit inspired, how should this impact the way we read it?*

### *2. Jesus is the central theme of scripture*

*Read John 1:1-5*

- *How does scripture point us toward Jesus? (see Luke 24:27)*
- *How have we encountered Jesus when reading scripture?*
- *How can the Bible become an idol if we miss seeing Jesus in it? (knowledge for the sake of knowledge)*  
*“The business of Scripture is to take us by the hand and take us beyond the words to the WORD” - ES Jones.*

3. *Do we struggle to read the Word? Why might this be?*  
*Are there different seasons when this has been harder and what has helped in these times? Share as group.*  
*What difference does the Holy Spirit make in helping us to read it? (illumination for transformation)*

*Pray as a group for one another*

*(I have added below the references to Jesus in each book of the Bible as shared by Don)*

**Genesis – The Seed of the woman who will crush the serpent**

**Exodus – The Passover Lamb and Deliverer**

**Leviticus – The perfect sacrifice and great High Priest**

**Numbers – The lifted-up bronze serpent; our guide in the wilderness**

**Deuteronomy – The Prophet like Moses**

**Joshua – The Commander of the Lord’s army; giver of rest**

**Judges – The righteous Judge and deliverer**

**Ruth – The kinsman-redeemer**

**1 Samuel – God’s anointed King**

**2 Samuel – The promised Son of David**

**1 Kings – The greater-than-Solomon King**

**2 Kings – The faithful King despite Israel’s unfaithfulness**

**1 Chronicles – The heir to David’s throne**

**2 Chronicles – The restorer of true worship**

**Ezra – The rebuilders of God’s house**

**Nehemiah – The rebuilders of broken lives**

**Esther – The unseen Savior who delivers His people**

**Job – Our living Redeemer**

**Psalms – The Shepherd, King, and suffering**

**Messiah**

**Proverbs – The wisdom of God**

**Ecclesiastes – The meaning of life**

**Song of Songs – The Bridegroom who loves His bride**

**Isaiah – The suffering Servant and Prince of Peace**

**Jeremiah – The righteous Branch**

**Lamentations – The man of sorrows**

**Ezekiel – The glory of God returning**

**Daniel – The Son of Man**

**Hosea – The faithful husband to the unfaithful bride**

**Joel – The giver of the Spirit**

**Amos – The restorer of justice**

**Obadiah – The judge of the nations**

**Jonah – Salvation for the nations**

**Micah – The ruler born in Bethlehem**

**Nahum – The stronghold in the day of trouble**

**Habakkuk – Our righteous one by faith**

**Zephaniah – The mighty one who saves**

**Haggai – The desire of all nations**

**Zechariah – The pierced One and coming King**

**Malachi – The Sun of Righteousness**

**New Testament**

**Matthew – The promised Messiah-King**

**Mark – The suffering Servant**

**Luke – The Son of Man, Savior of all**

**John – The Son of God**

**Acts – The risen Lord building His Church**

**Romans – Our righteousness**

**1 Corinthians – Our wisdom and power**

**2 Corinthians – Our comfort in suffering**

**Galatians – Our freedom**

**Ephesians – Head of the Church**

**Philippians – Our joy**

**Colossians – Supreme over all creation**

**1 Thessalonians – Our coming hope**

**2 Thessalonians – The victorious returning King**

**1 Timothy – Mediator between God and humanity**

**2 Timothy – Faithful to the end**

**Titus – Our blessed hope**

**Philemon – Restorer of broken relationships**

**Hebrews – The perfect High Priest and final sacrifice**

**James – The Lord who transforms faith into action**

**1 Peter – The cornerstone**

**2 Peter – The returning Lord**

**1 John – The Word of life**

**2 John – The truth**

**3 John – The way**

**Jude – The keeper of His people**

**Revelation – The Alpha and Omega, reigning King of  
kings**