



# The Bible

For beginners, believers, & the baffled?

Although we often refer to the Bible as the “*word of God*”, it can be a challenging book to read, let alone understand at times.

Written over some 1500 years, and with more than 30 different writers (all writing at different times, and in different ways, in the midst of very differing circumstances), the Bible’s story can sometimes feel like a tricky one to piece together – both inside its covers and out!

So if you’re interested in trying to figure out how it all fits together, if not how it’s meant to fit into our lives, then please consider joining us, as we explore some of the basics about the Bible in our new 3-part Bible Study Series, “*The Bible: for beginners, believers, and the baffled*”, which begins on Thurs. June. 1<sup>st</sup> with in-person afternoon sessions starting at 1:00 p.m. and online evening sessions at 7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. June 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Session 1: “Setting the story straight”**

Putting the pieces together to understand how all those books in the Bible, and all their stories therein, are all supposed to fit together.

**Thurs. June 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **Session 2: “How did we get the Bible we’ve got today”**

From ancient Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek to today’s more modern translations, how did we get the Bible as we have it today? And are all bibles out there the same...or are there differences? And if there are differences, why? And what might it matter?

**Thurs. June 15<sup>th</sup>**

## **Session 3: “A look at some lingering questions”**

How might we start to answer questions like:

“How can we read the Bible to get the most out of it?” “Should we take everything in the Bible literally?” “Why does God sometimes seem different in the New Testament as opposed to the Old Testament?”