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A ROAD TRIP THROUGH THE BIBLE

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YOUR ROADMAP TO BIBLICAL EXPLORATION.

6 WEEKS

66 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

6 WEEKLY TEACHINGS

6 SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

One exciting Journey to Knowing God better.







WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF "40'DAYS" IN THE BIBLE?

Forty days Moses was in the mount, Exodus 24:18; and to receive the Law, Exodus 24:18.

Forty days Moses was in the mount after the sin of the Golden Calf, Deuteronomy 9:18,25.

Forty days of the spies, issuing in the penal sentence of the 40 years, Numbers 13:26, 14:34.

Forty days of Elijah in Horeb, 1 Kings 19:8.

Forty days of Jonah and Nineveh, Jonah 3:4.

Forty days Ezekiel lay on his right side to symbolize the 40 years of Judah's transgression.*

Forty days Jesus was tempted of the Devil, Matthew 4:2.

Forty days Jesus was seen of His disciples, speaking of things pertaining to God's kingdom, Acts 1:2.



LEADER INFORMATION

Congratulations and thank you for hosting a group as we explore the Bible and join the journey to knowing God better.

Your response to this call will have deeper spiritual impacts than you may ever realize. As you prepare to facilitate your group, we have put some thoughts together to help you along the way. Remember you are never alone. We believe that God knew all along that you would be in this position and He will equip you along the way. God's promise in Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave you: I will never abandon you" will be your foundation as you start this journey. How exciting!

YOUR LEADERS PACKET INCLUDES:

-Leader's Guide. Full of all kinds of good stuff.

-DVD or link to online video sessions (6 sessions)

-A "Change Your World" box. See page 7 on Change Your World box for more detail.

THERE ARE PARTS OF THIS STUDY YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

- 1. 6 Weekend Messages will walk us through the Bible, high lighting some important thoughts and ideas.
- 2. Everyone will be asked to get into a group for a short season. Existing groups will be doing this study as well.
- 3. 6 video sessions will be available via streaming on line or DVD. There are 6 group session guides for your time together.
- 4. There will be a 40 day reading plan that starts on Monday. See the 40-Day Reading Plan Challenge section in this book.
- 5. There will be a missional/outreach component for your group. See the Change Your World section in this book.
- 6. Each member is encouraged to buy a workbook. In it will be the group sessions, daily reading plan and journal pages, and just plain good information to have. The cost is minimal and there may be financial help for those who are not able to buy one. Reach out to Route66@cornerstonemi.org for question's.





These few tips will be very helpful whether you are a new host or an experienced leader.

1. Don't do this alone. Start praying now and continue to develop relationships that will allow you to identify a co-host for this group. Shared responsibility will make for a much richer experience. We are one body with many parts.

2. Beyourself! The worst hosts will try to be everything to everyone in every situation. You are made the way you are for a reason. Trust that God will use you in perfect ways despite your imperfections. The truth is that Bible scholars often make below average Life Group hosts.

3. Stay just one step ahead! Review the session ahead of time to prepare yourself. This will allow you to keep the conversation moving in the right direction. You do not need to have all the answers. Enjoy the journey with your group. There are resources available for the questions that "stump" you. Reach out to route66@cornerstonemi. org for help if needed.

4. Embrace the silence. There is nothing wrong with a little silence after or between questions. What may feel like an eternity to you may be the right amount of time for the Holy Spirit to speak to one or all the members in your group. Don't speak so quickly that you quench the Spirit.

5. Pray for members by name. This is often overlooked, but so incredibly powerful. Commitment to praying for your group members puts the responsibility of member's spiritual growth in God's hands!



GROUP EXPECTATIONS

As you get your group together on a weekly basis there are some things to help facilitate.

One of the benefits of group study is the encouragement and support each member gives and receives. This will be especially helpful with the 40 day reading plan study. Keep each other on track by regularly asking questions, sending texts or emails, or even a phone call.

The group time should be set up as a safe place to share. There should be a commitment to attendance and an agreement to confidentiality. Try to create an environment that is free from distractions or clutter. Food often helps ease the flow of conversation. Rotate food responsibilities. Learn together, laugh often and love always.

There are also video teaching sessions that are intended to be viewed within a small group. Test your tech equipment ahead of time to make sure you are ready for the meeting. You will find an outline and questions to help facilitate your time together on the pages following the reading plan. The 6 session topics include:

- Week 1- How did the Bible get started?
- Week 2- How can I trust the Bible?
- Week 3- How is the Bible relevant to me today?
- Week 4- How can I understand the Bible? Pt. 1
- Week 5- How can I understand the Bible? Pt. 2
- Week 6- How do I integrate God's word into my life?

This study is best used within a group setting. Do you realize that while God was creating, there was one thing He said is not good? "It is not good for man to be alone." Genesis 2:18





CHANGE YOUR WORLD BOX

"Change Your World" is a tool that provides an easy way to impact unreached people by simply setting aside loose change.

Our hope is that your group will find the time and energy to reach beyond the living room. We have given your group a box. Every member of the group and even their family can participate as you place any loose change you find into this box.

For every box that is filled with change, a Treasure is sent to an unreached people group, where less than 2% of the population knows the Good News.

If each family in your group would like its own box to fill, please contact route66@cornerstonemi.org to find out where to get more.

Each Treasure will reach an average of 144 people each year, in a typical group listening environment.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW LONG SHOULD OUR GROUP MEET?

This study is 6 sessions long. We encourage groups to meet for a seventh session to celebrate the journey. Our prayer is that groups discover that doing life together is better and will want to continue. There are many great studies to jump into if your group wants to keep going. Reach out to route66@cornerstonemi.org for ideas and help.

WHAT IS A HOST AND WHAT IS A LEADER?

A HOST is the entry level spot for someone who is willing to answer the call to facilitate a group. They must have a <u>H</u>eart for people, <u>Open door to their home (or other meeting place option available)</u>, ability to <u>Serve a snack (or rotate responsibility)</u>, and <u>T</u>urn on the video-based study. This HOST position should be temporary as it gives the individual a "taste" of what it takes to lead a group. The goal is to identify a co-host and then venture into the next level of commitment - Life Group Leader. There are many resources available to help along the way. It is all about authentic relationships.

WHERE DO WE FIND NEW GROUP MEMBERS?

You live, work, worship, and play in circles of influence every day. Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors or even your favorite server at your favorite restaurant make great invitees. Over 60% of those invited will say "yes." Many have been waiting for someone to invite them. This time of gathering in homes for a study is often much less intimidating than a newcomer coming to church. Each member should think of two people that they should invite and then "do it." What do you have to lose?





WHAT ABOUT CHILDCARE?

Childcare needs must be handled carefully. We suggest you seek creative solutions as a group. Some ideas might include:

Share the cost of a babysitter.

Adults rotate the responsibility for watching the kids. Provide a lesson for the kids.

Get creative, but be safe. (Duct tape should not be considered)

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A BIBLE?

There are Bibles available online through Youversion.com or Biblegateway.com. If you are looking to purchase a Bible, the most common translation we use is the NIV. It can be overwhelming to decide. Ask for help at the store or from the church office.



WHAT IS THE BIBLE

THIS WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The Bible is not really one book, but a collection of books divinely inspired and written by over forty authors. These human authors were guided by the Holy Spirit on three different continents, in three different languages. It took over 16 centuries to record what God wanted to share with His people. However, the entire Bible does have one central theme—that of God's love for humanity and His plan throughout history to redeem and save it.

The Bible was written to specific people in specific settings about specific situations. It was never intended to be one Book, yet when it is all put together (like a jigsaw puzzle) the books form one continuous, meaningful and unified whole—one grand story.

The Bible is a guide for living life to the fullest. It gives us a road map for life and helps us connect with and hear from God through it. It might be helpful to use the acronym B.I.B.L.E.: "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth".

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,..." The entire Bible is God-breathed. It has an amazing way of speaking to each of us if we will give it a chance. The Bible is intended to draw you into a deeper relationship with God, His son Jesus, and a better understanding of the Holy Spirit. We pray that reading your Bible will not become just a religious act, but a deepening of your faith and understanding of how much God loves you and wants to be intimate with you.

This compilation of 66 books was written with very different styles for very different reasons. The stories were all originally shared orally over and over again before being recorded. Within these 66 books we find stories, conversations, proverbs, parables, songs, allegories, history and prophecy. Each type of literature was written for a different purpose, but God was the center of all of it.

The Bible we read today is not necessarily in historical order. It is more grouped according to the type of literature. It is separated into an Old Testament and a New Testament.





WHY IS THE BIBLE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS? OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament (OT) contains 39 books that record events and "testify" or point to Jesus' coming. It is called the Old Testament because it involves a period of time under the Old Covenant that God had with His people. The old covenant (or agreement) was basically "If you follow my commands I will continue to bless you." A sacrifice was made and blood was shed on a regular basis to make up for falling short of keeping all of God's commandments.

The Old Testament begins with the origin of the world, but quickly focuses on God's dealings with one particular family (Abraham's) who becomes the nation of Israel. Much of the remainder of the OT is the continuing saga of the Israelites cycling between disobedience and return to God over and over again and God's continued pursuit and love for His children through all of it.

The end of the Old Testament contains warnings from God's messengers (prophets) to the Israelites to stop ignoring God and return to Him. They also foretell of the coming Messiah, The Christ!

NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament (NT) is all about the New Covenant - through Jesus' death and resurrection humanity's sins are forgiven and we are given a new life. No longer are animal sacrifices necessary. Although the law of the Old Testament is still beneficial to live a healthy, full, committed life, the grace offered to us in the New Testament gives us the redemption that we could never obtain on our own. Instead, through Christ, God has once and for all taken care of our sinfulness so that we can be in perfect relationship with Him. All we need to do is accept the invitation.



The New Testament contains 27 books that record the events of Jesus' life and ministry and how Christianity has spread. It has practical ways for the whole world to experience close relationship with God and righteous living. It starts with four books called the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). The Book of Acts then shows us how the early church started. The largest portion of the New Testament is letters from early church leaders to new churches in the area. These letters are still very applicable to how we should operate as a community of Christ followers today. The final NT book is Revelation—a book which gives us glimpses into Christ's second coming and God's future plans for His church.

WHY ARE THE BOOKS IN THE BIBLE NAMED WHAT THEY ARE?

The names of the books are just titles for the 66 different pieces of writing. Some are titled by content (i.e. Exodus, Lamentations, and Acts). Others are titled by author (i.e. Daniel, Matthew, Mark, etc.) or the original recipient of the letters.(i.e. Romans, Corinthians, Thessalonians, etc.)

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE "AUTHORS WERE INSPIRED"?

Most Christ followers believe that the Bible came to us from God Himself, but that He used human authors to give us His message through the presence and inspiration of His Spirit. However, God did not just dictate the writings; He allowed unique personalities and many styles of writing to shine through while revealing Himself, His will and His purposes. The result is an ageless treasure that speaks to everyone.

"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:20-21





WHO WERE THE AUTHORS AND WHEN DID THEY WRITE THESE BOOKS?

The Old Testament was written between 1400 BC and 400 BC. It is generally believed that Moses wrote the first five books (called the Torah by Jews, the Pentateuch by Christians).

David wrote many of the Psalms and his son, Solomon, probably wrote much of Proverbs.

Gad, Nathan, and Asaph contributed to 1 and 2 Samuel and some of the Psalms.

It is believed that Mordecai wrote Ruth and that Agur and Lemuel contributed to Proverbs.

Joshua, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Ezekiel, Haggai, Ezra and Malachi wrote some of the latest parts - many of which are selftitled.

The New Testament was written in the sixty year period after Jesus' death. The Gospels were written by Matthew—a tax collector, Mark—a scribe, Luke—a doctor, and John—a Mediterranean fisherman. Luke also wrote the book of Acts—the stories of Jesus' disciples after his death.

Paul wrote many of the NT books including Ephesians, Colossians, Romans, Thessalonians, Galatians, Corinthians, Philemon, Philippians, and Hebrews. Others were written by Peter and John (Jesus' friends) and by James and Jude (Jesus' brothers).



ROUTE 66 - READING AND STUDY GOD**S** WORD

The Bible—God's special and Holy book

There are two main sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament There are sixty six individual pieces of writing

by different authors at different times, in different places, to different people, for different reasons

OLD TESTAMENT

The 39 older books of the Bible that "testify to" and record events before Jesus was born .. BC—before Christ

It is called the OT because it is the "old deal" that God had with people before Jesus

Begins with the origin of the world, but quickly focuses on God's dealings with one particular family (Abraham's) who becomes the nation of Israel

To save the human race from its sin and what should be the consequences, God makes a covenant, or deal, with the people of Israel The essence of this deal is that he would be their God and bless them. In return they were to honor him and be examples to the rest of the world. God gave them commandments to live by.

The rest of the OT focuses on the 1500 year period of history of ancient Israel.

The Israelites fall away and return to God many times in this history, however God remains faithful and honors his promises.

The very end of OT is made up of messages from God's messengers (prophets) who warned people to stop ignoring God and get back in line, and foretold of Christ's coming (the new deal).





NEW TESTAMENT

27 books that "testify to" and record the events of Jesus' life and ministry and the spread of Christianity

AD (Anno Domini—the year of the Lord) I use "after death" to help me remember, but it is really after birth.

NT focuses on the new deal (or covenant) between God the whole world, rather than just the nation of Israel

This new deal means that the old deal was no longer needed and there is a new set of circumstances Because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection anyone can be right with God, not by keeping commandments but by honoring Jesus Christ as Lord.

NT begins with the Gospels—these are the first four books (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which tell the story of Jesus—his birth, life, teachings, miracles, death and resurrection.

The book of Acts tells about the disciples and the growth of the church right after Jesus died.

The later and larger part of the NT is made up mostly of letters between an important Christian leader named Paul and the new Christian churches.



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Some titles are **based on the author** such as Daniel, Matthew, 1 and 2 Peter Some titles are **named after the group of people** who received the letter or writing—examples are Romans, Corinthians, 1 and 2 Timothy





WHO WROTE The Bible?

There is no one author, except God. He inspired each author and yet allowed them to write in their own styles.

This is why we refer to the Bible as the "inspired word of God." The writers didn't just make it up—God was inspiring them to write, and through them He was able to reveal himself, his will and his purposes.

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OLD TESTAMENT (OT)

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WHAT DOES TRANSLATION MEAN AND HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ONE TO USE?

When we read the Bible today we aren't reading the original words, but a "translation" of the Hebrew and Greek words that it was originally written in. There are three types of translation:

Word for Word—this is a literal translation of the original manuscripts which uses as close to the exact wording as possible.

Frequently used WFW translations—King James, Revised Standard, American Standard

Meaning for Meaning—This type of translation attempts to be accurate to the original text while modifying words, grammar and punctuation to make sense to the modern reader.

Frequently used MFM translations—NIV (New International Version), Good News, Contemporary English

Paraphrase—These are the loosest and most liberal translations, but very easy to understand. These versions attempt to capture the spirit of the original text, but include a lot of interpretation on the part of the author.

Frequently used paraphrase translations—The Message, the Living Bible

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Examples: King James Version (KJV) New American Standard (NASB) New Revised Standard (NRSV)

MEANING FOR MEANING

Examples: New International Version (NIV) New Living Translation (NLT) Good News, Contemporary English

PARAPHRASE

Examples: Living Bible The Message



WHO DECIDED WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE BIBLE?

The Old Testament existed as a collection of books when Jesus was alive

It is currently the same collection of writings as existed 2,000 years ago, and the same collection of writings that each synagogue in Jesus' day would have had their own copies of.

It was officially sanctioned in 100 AD by a group of Jewish religious leaders and has been used ever since.

The New Testament was officially recognized (or 'canonized' by two official gatherings of Christian bishops:

Council of Laodicea in 363 AD and Council of Carthage in 397 AD

The Bible hasn't changed in 2000 years. It is historically valid and reliable. It is the most supported, most accurate and most researched book on the planet.





GROUPING AND ORDER OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

LAW BOOKS	•	HISTORY BOOKS	WISDOM & POETRY BOOKS	BOOKS OF PROPHECY
GENESIS EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY		JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH 1 & 2 SAMUEL 1 & 2 HINGS 1 & 2 CHRONICLES EZRA NEHEMIAH ESTHER	JOB PSALMS PROUERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SONGS (SOLOMON)	ISAIAH JEREMIAH LAMENTATIONS EZEKIEL DANIEL HOSEA JOEL AMOS OBADIAH JONAH MICAH NAHUM HABAKHUK ZEPHANIAH HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI





GROUPING AND ORDER OF BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

HISTORY BOOKS	EPISTLES (LETTERS)	REVELATION
MATTHEW* MARK* LUKE* John* Acts* Gospels * Pauls letters **	ROMANS** 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS** GALATIANS** EPHESIANS** PHILIPPIANS** 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS** 1 & 2 TIMOTHY** TITUS** PHILEMON** HEBREWS JAMES 1 & 2 PETER 1, 2 & 3 JOHN JUDE	REUELATION





*From Rick Warren's "Bible Study Methods"



Devotional Method

- Select a short portion of your Bible and prayerfully meditate on it until the Holy Spirit shows you a way to apply the truth to your life.
- Write out a personal application.

Chapter Summary Method

• Read a chapter of a Bible book through at least five times; then write down a summary of the main thoughts you find in it.

Character Quality Method

 Choose a quality of your character that you would like to work on in your life and study what the Bible says about it.

Biographical Method

- Select a Bible character and research all the verses about that person in order to study his/her life and characteristics.
- Make notes on their attitudes, strengths and weaknesses.
- Then apply what you have learned to your own life.

Topical Method

- Collect and compare all the verse you can find on a particular topic.
- Organize your conclusions into an outline that you can share with another person.

Book Background Method

- Study how history, geography culture, science, and politics affected what happened in Bible times.
- Use Bible reference books to increase your understanding of the Word.

Book Survey Method

- Survey an entire book of the Bible by reading it through several times to get a general overview of its subject matter.
- Study the background of the book and make notes on its contents.

Chapter Analysis Method

- Master the contents of a chapter of a book of the Bible by taking an in-depth look at each verse in that chapter.
- Take each verse apart word by word, observing every detail.

Book Synthesis Method

- Summarize the contents and main themes of a book of the Bible after you have read it through several times.
- Make an outline of the book.
- Helpful to have used the book survey method and the chapter analysis method on every chapter of that book.

Verse-by-verse Analysis Method

- Select one passage of Scripture and examine it in detail by asking questions, finding crossreferences, and paraphrasing each verse.
- Record a possible application of each verse that you study.



FIRST MEETING HELP!

Your first gathering can be nerve racking. Here are some things to help ease your mind so that you can focus on what is important—relationships.

- Prepare you space by removing clutter and distractions.
- Set the room up in a circle if possible.
- Check tech equipment prior to everyone arriving.
- Pray that God will show up for your time together. (He is always there- you are never alone.)
- Pray for the members to be open and accepting.
- Start by introducing everyone to each other. Need some ideas for "get to know ya" questions?

If you were given an extra \$10 at Target, what would you do with it and why?

If you were a comic book character, who would you be and why? If you had to give up a favorite food, which one would be the most difficult and why?

Which animal do you like most? Why?

What award would you like to win and for what achievement? If you could choose a new name for yourself, what would it be? Why? Growing up what was your favorite memory or toy?

Don't feel that you need to rush anything. Keep the conversation moving and use the group session questions as a guide. If you feel you need to ask other questions or talk deeper about some issues, do it. Stay close to the topic, but let the Holy Spirit move in the group.

The first session talk about commitment and confidentiality. Use the Group Commitment form if needed to make a covenant. (it was in your leaders packet)

Remember to embrace the silence. If a question is asked. Feel comfortable to wait. Don't jump in and answer.

Ask for volunteers to pray, to read and to rotate snacks. Include them all, but don't force it.

Allow time for others to share their story, IF they would like. Our stories of how a relationship with Jesus has changed our lives are priceless.

Take notes to help you remember who is who and what they are all about.





GROUP SESSION #1

INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AND SHARE:

What was your first car? How long have you been at Cornerstone? What brought you and kept you at Cornerstone?

PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AS YOU SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

WATCH SHORT VIDEO- HOW DID THE BIBLE GET STARTED?

DISCUSS:

What was one thing that you found interesting in the video about how the Bible got its beginning?

What does the world around us say about the accuracy and believability of the Bible?

What does it mean to you when you read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Pastor Brad talked about the 4 A's. One of which was Applicable to the whole church in any setting? Do you believe that the entire Bible is applicable to your church in today's world? Why?

Is it OK to wrestle with questions about God's word? Why?

What truth might we find in these times of wrestling with God's word? Where do you search for answers?

Prayer - Pray that God opens hearts and minds to the relationship He desires with each of us. Ask God to bless this commitment of 40 days in the word. Pray that God reveals more of Himself to you as you bring your questions to Him.



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BONUS QUESTIONS/READINGS

1. Have you ever written a letter to someone and they did not read it? IF they did read it, did it change your relationship in anyway?

2. When have you experienced a connection with God? What were the circumstances and how did you know?

3. How can God's word deepen our relationship with Him?

4. What is your favorite passage in the Bible?

5. Is memorizing parts of the Bible important? Why?



GROUP SESSION #2

WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS. SHARE:

Who was the best teacher you ever had? Why? How did you do with daily commitment in the Word? What did you learn about you or God this last week?

PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AS YOU TRUST AND SHARE OPENLY.

WATCH SHORT UIDEO- WHY CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

DISCUSS:

What was something that stood out as Chris shared a few ways that we can trust the Bible?

What is the Bible to you right now? A good book? Or Divine words? How do you explain the Bible to others around you?

Have you ever read something in the Bible and questioned the accuracy? What was it? What was the result of your questions?

If you are able, search for other ways that the Bible has been proven to be accurate and consistent over the many, many years. Share with the group.

Does proving the accuracy and trustworthiness of the Bible change the way you live you live your life? Explain.

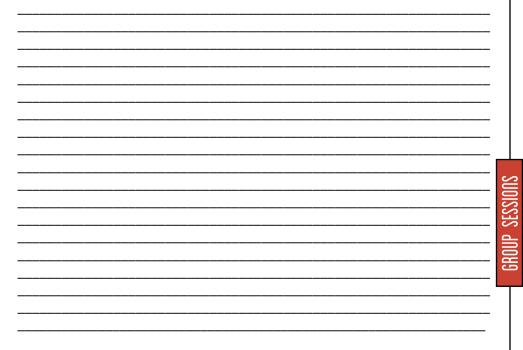
If you could go back in time and visit one of the authors as they were writing their God-inspired part, who would you choose?

Prayer- Pray that God opens hearts and minds to the relationship He desires with each of us. Pray that each of you are able to choose for yourself the trustworthiness of the Bible? Thank God for His Word.



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NOTES FOR YOUR GROUP/PRAYER REQUESTS



BONUS QUESTIONS/READINGS

1. What has happened to "how you see the world around you" after spending at least 7 days in the Word?

2. Does the Bible have the ability to change someone's life? What about if they do not believe in God? Can it change their life? Explain.

3. Are we called as Christians to argue over the validity of the Bible? Explain.

4. What does God say about us reading His word? Share with the group your findings?



GROUP SESSION #3

WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS. SHARE:

If you could be any superhero, who would you choose? How did you do with daily commitment in the Word? Have you shared your experience of this study with anyone?

PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AS YOU SHARE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

WATCH SHORT VIDEO- HOW IS THE BIBLE RELEVANT TO ME TODAY?

DISCUSS:

What did you hear as Marcus shared how life changes through Biblical insights that are relevant today.

Read John 8:31-32. Where do I find truth and what power can it have on my life if I truly believe?

In our culture, where do people turn to find meaning and purpose in life? Why?

How does your belief or disbelief in God practically affect your life on a daily basis?

Have you read anything in the Bible that prompted you to change how you live? Share with your group.

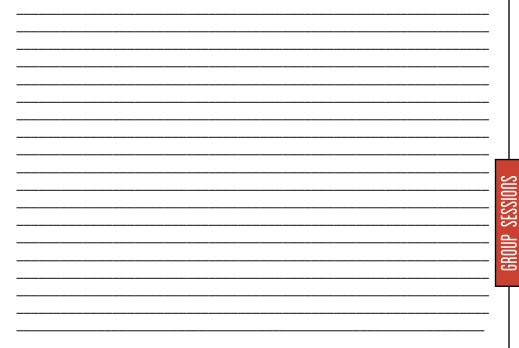
Do you believe that we are inherently moral people or does the Bible help provide a moral compass in today's world?

Prayer- Pray that God opens hearts and minds to the relationship He desires with each of us. Pray that a deeper understanding of God's truth AND grace will draw us closer to Him today.



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NOTES FOR YOUR GROUP/PRAYER REQUESTS



BONUS QUESTIONS/READINGS

1. What do think God is trying to say to you or teach you through this 40 day commitment?

2. In your own life, what do you rely on to guide you (yourself, a religious book or creed, culture, opinions of friends or family, etc)?

3. Do you believe the Bible is a relevant guidebook for life in the 21stcentury?

4. Ask if anyone has been feeling like they are on the outside of this "personal relationship" with Jesus? Ask if they would like to commit to believe and choose to walk closer to Jesus today.

Read 1 John 1:9. Play the Following Christ video found in the extras.



GROUP SESSION #4

WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS. SHARE:

Describe, in detail, your favorite meal. Hungry?? How did you do with daily commitment in the Word? Any truth that was revealed to you that you need to share?

PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO BE HONEST AS YOU SHARE.

WATCH SHORT VIDEO- HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE BETTER?- PT. 1

DISCUSS:

What was something that stood out as Betsy shared some of the ways to understand the Bible better?

Why do so few Christians study God's word on a regular basis?

Does understanding the context in which the word was written, help you understand it on a deeper level?

Which translation of the Bible do you prefer? Why?

What is the difference between studying God's word and just reading it?

Do you feel that it is necessary as a Christian to study God's word?

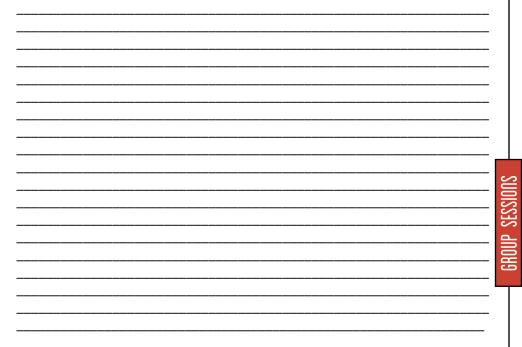
Share with us a time that you or someone close to you studied God's word on a deeper level. What changes in that person were noticed? If any?

Prayer - Pray that God continues to reveal Himself to you. Pray that we understand more each day what kind of relationship He desires with each of us. Ask God to bless this commitment of 40 days in the word.



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NOTES FOR YOUR GROUP/PRAYER REQUESTS



BONUS QUESTIONS/READINGS

1. What will be the final authority in your life this week? The Word? Or the world?

2. Do you agree with the statement, "The words of the Bible are the words of God"? Why or why not?

3. Share thoughts that complete this statement: I study the Bible because _____

4. If I profess to be a Christian and do not read the Bible on a regular basis, does this change how God feels about me?



GROUP SESSION **#5**

WHAT WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS. SHARE:

If you had to change your name, what would you call yourself?

How did you do with daily commitment in the Word? What did you learn about you or God this last week?

PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AS WE ENTER A ROOM OF GRACE AND SHARE OPENLY.

WATCH SHORT VIDEO- HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE BETTER?-PT.2

DISCUSS:

What was something that stood out as Pastor Alex took us on a journey to understanding the Bible better?

How often do you search for better understanding of God's word?

What do American culture and media say about God's nature and character? Do you agree or disagree with the culture?

Can you pick a book of the Bible as a group? Discuss who wrote it? To whom was it written? Why was it written? And what is the major idea or theme that still applies to me today? Take your time with this if needed.

Do you feel more equipped to understand the Bible better? What tips or ideas do you have that the rest of the group could benefit from knowing?

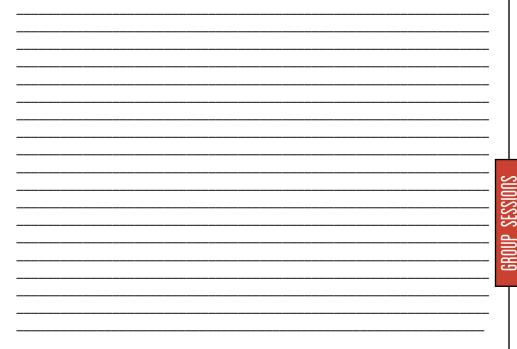
What is the biggest road block when it comes to studying the Bible on a regular basis?

Prayer - Pray that God will direct your path and make evident his promises of drawing near to us IF we will draw near to him. Thank God for His word and the impact that it can have on our lives today.



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NOTES FOR YOUR GROUP/PRAYER REQUESTS



BONUS QUESTIONS/READINGS

1. If you could talk with God, what you say to Him? Is there anything you would like Him to say to you?

2. Have you ever imagined what your life story would read like in the Bible? What might others read about? How could your story impact others?

3. When was the last time you shared your story of: a. Who you were before Jesus in your life. b.Why you needed Jesus. c. And who are you now that you know Jesus as your savior and king?

4. If you could keep meeting as a group and study, share, serve, and support each other, would you make the time and commitment?



GROUP SESSION **#6**

WHAT WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS. SHARE:

Would you rather go to Disney? Universal Studios? Seaworld? Or the Zoo? How did you do with daily commitment in the Word? As you enter into the last week, what has been most surprising?

PRAY FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AND A ROOM OF TRUTH AND GRACE AS YOU SHARE HONESTLY WITHOUT FEAR OF JUDGEMENT.

WATCH SHORT VIDEO- HOW DO I INTEGRATE GODS WORD INTO MY LIFE?

DISCUSS:

What was something that stood out as Pastor Ken shared how life changes when you put your trust and obedience in the Word?

Have you ever read a letter from someone that you did not know? Do you think that you can fully understand what they are trying to say without knowing them?

Do you think it is possible for a Christian to have a full life with God without ever reading His word? Explain.

If you were to encourage someone in your life to know the Word and read God 's word, who would it be? How would you share this desire? Where do you start?

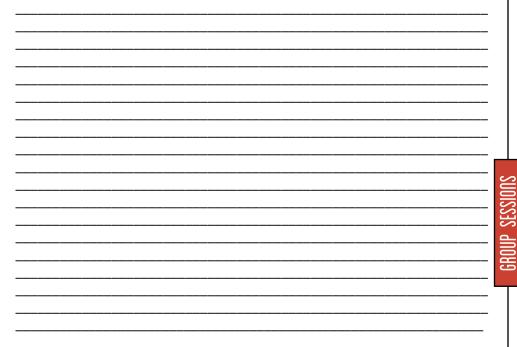
Is it possible for you to keep reading God's word daily after the 40 days ends? Why?

Prayer - Pray that God will allow the Holy Spirit to become alive in your life and prompt you to live daily for the Word not the world.



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NOTES FOR YOUR GROUP/PRAYER REQUESTS



BONUS QUESTIONS/READINGS

Our reason for creating this study was simple. To provide everyone the opportunity to know Jesus or to know him better. Is there anyone here that can share how your life has been impacted by spending time in God's word? Is there anyone that is ready to believe and commit to knowing Him better every day and wants more direction or support?

2. What does your calendar or financial picture say about your commitment and priority to God? What would you like it to look like?





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THE 40-DAY READING CHALLENGE

There are many different methods and techniques for reading the Bible. The most important thing is to just do it! God will bless your efforts.

Over the next 40 days we will provide you with a reading plan that is outlined in your booklet. Our hope is that you will join us in not only reading from God's word, but also spending some time thinking about it using a devotional method of study.

> Each day there will be a passage from God's word. We have included passages from Genesis to Revelation. The plan is designed to give you an overview of the entire Bible—both the Old and New Testaments.

We are asking you to use the prompts we have provided for you in the booklet to work through each day's reading material.

We will be using an acronym PRAY

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Host - Communicate this to your group Read and journal for 40 days. Tell us about your experience at: route66@cornerstonemi.org Once you have completed the 40 Day Reading Plan Challenge go to the Kiosk in the Hub and You will receive a Magnet/Sticker/Cling.

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P.R.A.Y

PRAY/PREPARE—PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING AND GATHER SOME TOOLS TOGETHER.

Find a quiet, specific spot where you won't be interrupted.

Pray for clarity and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:12 "What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us."

Use a good study Bible—it will offer you helpful information as you go, and help you understand the cultural or historica context of the passage.

Bring a Pen—writing about what you read helps it sink in.

READ/RECORD – WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

Read the text.

Research the context (read the study notes or other tools if you have them.)

Ask who, what, where, when and why.

Circle—Don't be afraid to mark up your Bible.

Journal—write about any words or ideas in the passage that jump out at you.

APPLY – HOW DOES THIS APPLY FOR ME TODAY?

What in this passage is meant for me?

YIELD

What action does God want me to take? What do I need to turn over to him?



40 DAY CHALLENGE





DEAR FRIEND IN CHRIST,

We pray that you will be blessed by your commitment to God's Word over the next forty days and that as you get closer to God, He will be closer to you.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

There are also video teaching sessions that are intended to be viewed within a small group. You will find an outline and questions to help facilitate your time together on the pages following the reading plan. The 6 session topics include:

- Week 1- How did the Bible get started?
- Week 2- How can I trust the Bible?
- Week 3- How is the Bible relevant to me today?
- Week 4- How can I understand the Bible? Pt. 1
- Week 5- How can I understand the Bible? Pt. 2
- Week 6- How do I integrate God's word into my life?

This study is best used within a group setting. Do you realize that while God was creating, there was one thing He said is not good? *"It is not good for man to be alone." Genesis 2:18*



40 DAY CHALLENGE

40 DAY Reading Plan

- Day 1- Genesis Chapters 1-2
- Day 2- Genesis Chapter 3
- Day 3- Genesis Chapter 15
- Day 4- Genesis Chapter 21
- Day 5- Exodus Chapters 3-4
- Day 6- Exodus Chapter 20
- 🗌 Day 7- Joshua Chapter 1
- Day 8- 1 Samuel Chapters 16-17
- Day 9- Psalms 23
- Day 10- Psalms 121
- Day 11- Proverbs Chapter 3
- Day 12- 1 Kings Chapter 3
- Day 13- Proverbs Chapter 22
- Day 14- 1 Kings Chapter 18
- Day 15- Jonah Chapters 1 & 3
- Day 16- Daniel Chapters 2-3
- Day 17- Ezra Chapter 3
- Day 18- Isaiah Chapters 9, 53, 61
- Day 19- Luke Chapters 1-2
- Day 20- John Chapter 1
- Day 21- Matthew Chapters 5-7

- The Creation Account The Beginning of Sin God's Covenant with Abraham Abraham's Faith God calls Moses The Ten Commandments Conquering the Promised Land
- David & Goliath Walking in the Valley My help comes from the Lord Wisdom bestows well-being Solomon's Wisdom
- A Good Name The Prophet Elijah
- Jonah's mission Daniel &Israel in Babylon Rebuilding the Temple Isaiah's Prophecy The Birth of Jesus Who Jesus Is
- Jesus Begins His Ministry





40 Day Reading Plan (continued)

Day 22- Luke Chapter 4
Day 23- John Chapter 3
Day 24- John Chapter 5
Day 25- John Chapter 15
Day 26- John Chapter 17
Day 27- Matthew Chapters 26-27
Day 28- John Chapter 20

Day 29-	Acts Chapter 2
Day 30-	Acts Chapter 16
Day 31-	Acts Chapter 26
Day 32-	Romans Chapters 3-6
Day 33-	Romans Chapters 7-8
Day 34-	1 Corinthians Chapter 15
Day 35-	Galatians Chapter 5
Day 36-	Ephesians Chapters 4-6
Day 37-	Philippians Chapters 1-2
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Day 1- Genesis Chapters 1-2 The Creation Account

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Day 2- Genesis Chapters 3 The Beginning of Sin

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Day 3- Genesis Chapters 15 God's Covenant with Abraham

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Day 4- Genesis Chapters 21 Abraham's Faith

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 5- Exodus Chapters 3-4 God Calls Moses

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Day 6- Exodus Chapters 20 The Ten Commandments

P – Pray/Prepare –

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R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

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Day 7- Joshua Chapters 1 Conquering the Promised Land

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Day 8- I Samuel Chapters 16-17 David and Goliath

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A – Apply – How does this apply for me today? What in this passage is meant for me? ______



Day 9- Psalm 23 Walking in the Valley

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 10- Psalms 121 My Help Comes From the Lord

P – Pray/Prepare –

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R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

A – Apply – How does this apply for me today? What in this passage is meant for me? ______



Day 11- Proverbs Chapters 3 Wisdom Bestows Well-Being

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 12- I Kings Chapters 3 Solomon's Wisdom

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A – Apply – How does this apply for me today? What in this passage is meant for me? ______



Day 13- Proverbs Chapter 22 A Good Name

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Day 14- I Kings Chapter 18 The Prophet Elijah

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Day 15- Jonah Chapters 1&3 Jonah's Mission

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Day 16- Daniel Chapters 2-3 Daniel & Isreal in Babylon

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Day 17- Ezra Chapter 3 Rebuilding the Temple

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Day 18- Isaiah Chapters 9, 53, 61 Isaiah's Prophecy

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Day 19- Luke Chapters 1-2 The Birth of Jesus

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 20- John Chapter 1 Who is Jesus?

P – Pray/Prepare –

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R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

A – Apply – How does this apply for me today? What in this passage is meant for me? _____



Day 21- Matthew Chapters 5-7 Jesus Begins His Ministry

P – Pray/Prepare –

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R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

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Day 22- Luke Chapter 4 The Core of Jesus' Teaching

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 23- John Chapter 3 God's Love for the World

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 24- John Chapter 5 Jesus' Miracles and Authority

P – Pray/Prepare –

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R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

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Day 25- John Chapter 15 The Christian Life Defined

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 26- - John Chapter 17 Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

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Day 27- Matthew Chapters 26-27 The Arrest & Crucifixion of Jesus

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Day 28- John Chapter 20 The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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Pray for understanding and gather some tools together. Find a quiet, specific spot where you won't be interrupted. Pray for clarity and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Read the passage.

R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

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Day 29- Acts Chapter 2 The coming of the Holy Spirit

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Day 30- Acts Chapter 16 The Gospels Spreads

P – Pray/Prepare –

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R – Read/Record – What does the passage say? What is your initial synopsis?

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Day 31- Acts Chapter 26 Paul's Defense of Christian Faith

P – Pray/Prepare –

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Day 32- Romans Chapters 3-6 Sin, Death, Faith, Alive in Christ

P – Pray/Prepare –

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A – Apply – How does this apply for me today? What in this passage is meant for me? ______



Day 33- Romans Chapters 7-8 The Battle with Sin/Life

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Day 34- 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 The Hope In The Resurrection

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Day 35- Galatians Chapter 5 Freedom in Christ

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Day 36- Ephesians Chapters 4-6 Living Biblically

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Day 37- Philippians Chapters 1-2 God's Covenant with Abraham

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Day 38- Colossians 3:1-17 Putting on the New Self

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Day 39- James Chapter 1 Pure Religion

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Day 40- Revelation Chapters 21-22 The New Heaven & Earth

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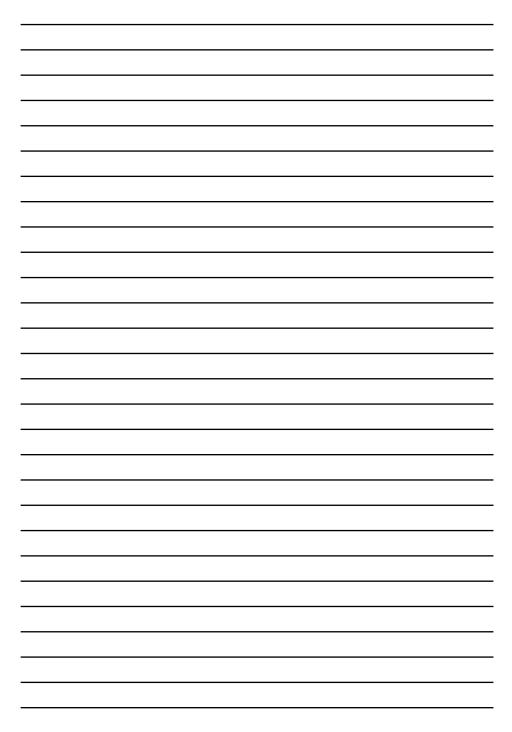
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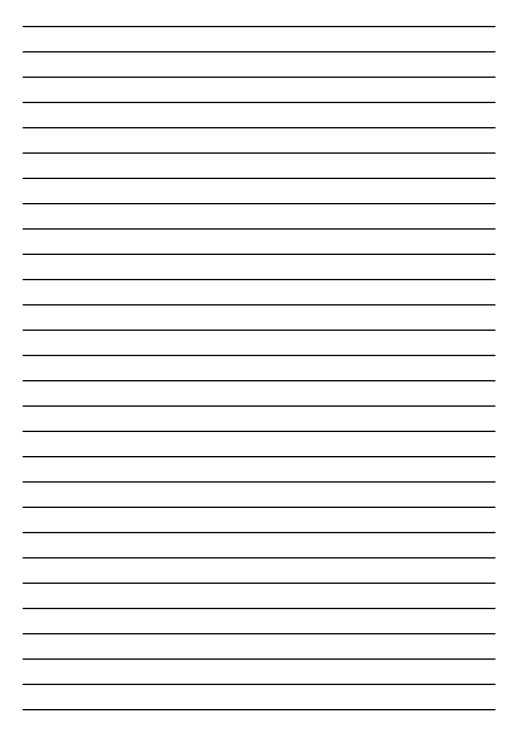
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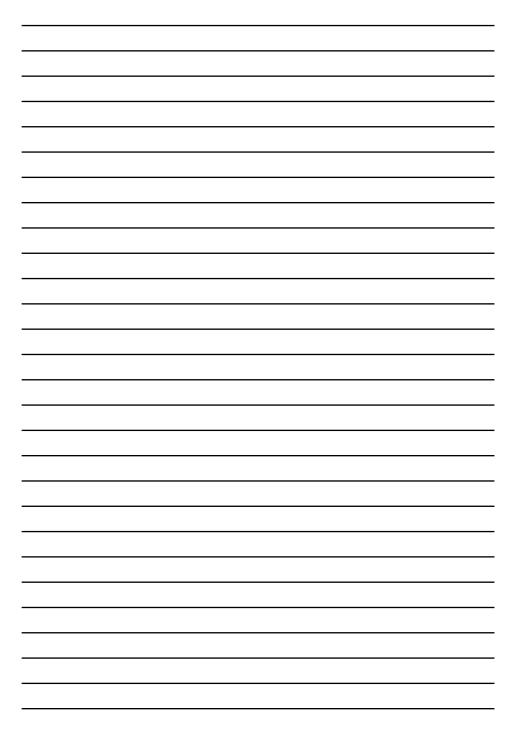


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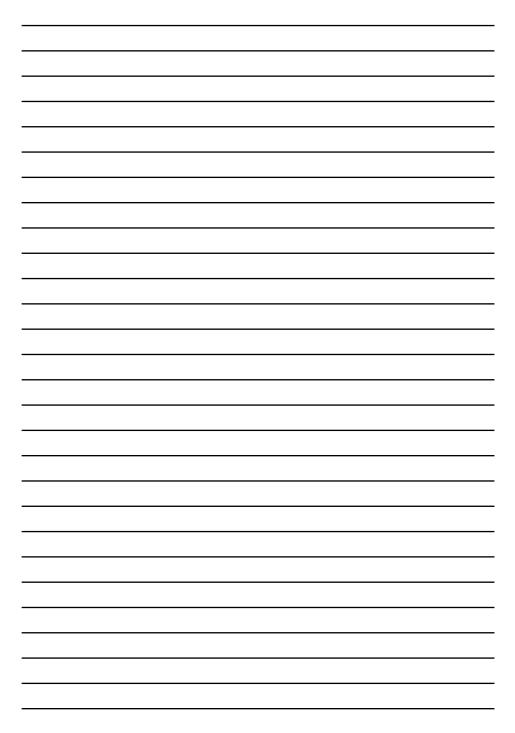


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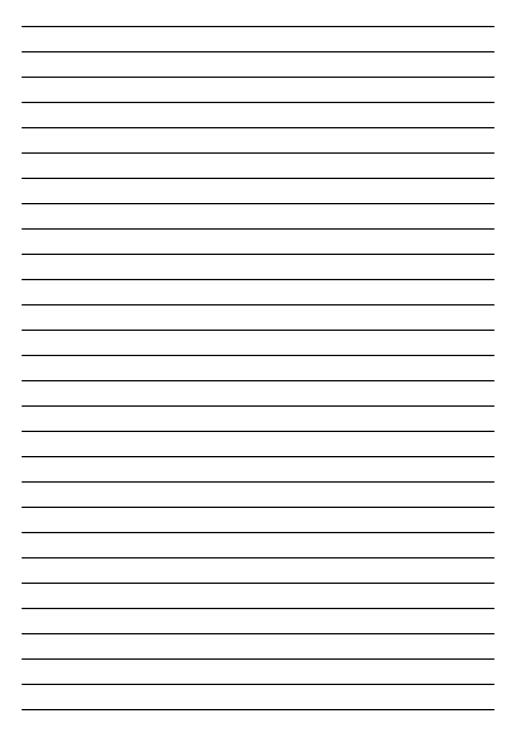


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