

19 September

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Doctrine of Revelation – God speaks

 Let's hear your story

1. How would you explain to a friend, family member or work colleague that God's Word is true and trustworthy?
2. What does Romans 1:19 – 20 tell us about creation? (**God's invisible attributes, eternal power, divine nature can be seen in creation.**)
3. What does 2 Timothy 3:16 tell us about the Scriptures? (**All scripture is breathed out by God...**)
4. What does Jesus say about the scriptures in Matthew 5:17 – 18? (**He came not to abolish the law and prophets, but to fulfil them.**)

 Let's go deeper

5. How was the Bible written according to Ezekiel 24:1 – 2; Jeremiah 36:4? (**By the prophet himself, or person God spoke to, or his scribe.**)
6. What does Isaiah 7:14 and Micah 5:2 tell us about the Messiah? (**He will be born of a virgin; in the town of Bethlehem.**)
7. What does Malachi 3:1 and Psalm 22:16 tell us about the Messiah? (**He will appear at the temple; and He will be crucified.**)
8. What does Zechariah 11:12 – 13 and Psalm 16:10 tell us about the Messiah? (**He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, He will die, be buried and then resurrected from death.**)

 Let's apply this

9. God speaks:

God speaks and communicates in many ways to us. He makes Himself known to us for relationship; how has God made Himself known to you?

- Through creation around you or conscience within you?
- Through supernatural ways (dreams, vision or angels), or through Jesus or the scriptures?
- Allow God to speak to you this week.

SUMMARY:

- Revelation: God speaks

What is revelation? God making Himself known to us for relationship.

General revelation: Available to all people, times, places and is less specific.

1. Creation – (See Romans 1:19 – 20).
2. Conscience – (See Romans 2:14 – 15).
3. Providence – (See Acts 14:17).

Special revelation: Available to some people, and is more clarity about Jesus.

1. Supernatural - Dreams, visions, angels.
2. Jesus – (See Hebrews 1:1 – 2).
3. Scripture – (See 2 Timothy 3:16).

What are the Scriptures: The Bible is a collection of 66 books (39 in the O.T. and 27 in the N.T.); written over a period of 1500 years by about 40 authors on 3 different continents – Europe; Asia and Africa. Chapters were added in the 1200s and verses in the 1500s. O.T. has 5 Law books (Pentateuch); 12 history books; 5 poetry books; 17 prophecy books. N.T: Gospels; History; Epistles or pastoral letters and Prophecy.

What about the Apocrypha books? The Apocrypha books are additional books found in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox church but are not considered inspired. Neither Jesus nor New Testament writers quoted from the Apocrypha.

What does Jesus say about the Scriptures? (See Matthew 5:17 – 18).

Jesus tells us who the authors are; Moses; Isaiah; David; Daniel...

Jesus confirms actual events like creation; Adam and Eve; Noah (flood) and Jonah.

How was the Bible written? Either by the prophet himself, or the person to whom God spoke; or they are speaking and someone (scribe) is writing it down. (See Ezekiel 24:1 – 2 and Jeremiah 36:4).

There are many human authors, but One Divine author behind every book; God: (See 1 Peter 1:10 – 12 and 2 Timothy 3:16).

Prophecy proves the Bible:

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| (700 B.C.) Isaiah 7:14. | (700 B.C.) Micah 5:2. |
| (400 B.C.) Malachi 3:1. | (1000 B.C.) Psalm 22:16. |
| (500 B.C.) Zechariah 11:12 – 13. | (1000 B.C.) Psalm 16:10. |

Why are there different Bible translations?

1. Word-for-Word (ESV, KJV, NKJV, NASB).
2. Thought-for-Thought (NIV, NLT, CEV).
3. Paraphrase (Message, Living).