KINGDOM GUIDE

Session Maps

A one-page argument map for each of the 5 sessions — the arc, the So/Now, and the Kingdom Principle, at a glance.

A five-session companion to Kingdom Life, making the case that Scripture is trustworthy, unique, and the absolute law of the universe — then showing how to actually read it so it changes you.

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5 SESSIONS

01 Composition
How the 66 books were written and gathered into one canon — authorship, the manuscript record, and how the list itself was recognized.

02 Veracity
Whether the content is actually true — the external and internal evidence for the Bible's historical reliability, tested against the standard objections.

03 Uniqueness
What sets this collection apart from every other ancient text that's survived — its reach, its influence, and its own claim for itself.

04 Purpose & the Absolute Law
Why God gave us Scripture, and the authority it actually carries — the case that it stands as the unbroken, unfailing law of the universe.

05 Reading the Bible
The payoff: how to actually read Scripture so it changes you, not just informs you.

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Composition

How do we know the book quoted on every page of this curriculum is the book that was actually written?



66 books, ~40 authors, ~1,500 years, 3 languages, 3 continents — one collection, not one author's single sitting.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

"God-breathed" describes the text's origin. Scripture holds both prophetic dictation and painstaking research (Luke) without contradiction.

Luke 1:1–4
2 Peter 1:20–21

~5,800 Greek manuscripts, P52 within a lifetime of John — and the Dead Sea Scrolls confirm the Old Testament independently.

No council voted on the canon. Apostolic origin, orthodoxy, catholicity, and antiquity carried it from the Muratorian Fragment (c. AD 180) to Athanasius (AD 367).

Galatians 6:16

SO · NOW

SO

Composition, transmission, and canon are real, checkable historical claims — not a vague appeal to tradition, and not circular.

NOW

Spend fifteen minutes with a printed Bible noticing its seams, or look up a page of P52 and the Great Isaiah Scroll for yourself.

Try It Yourself, above

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Every word was placed, copied, and recognized on purpose — nothing about this book survived by accident.

Veracity

What actual evidence — not just tradition — backs the claim that this book is true?



The earliest, most motivated opponents of the resurrection conceded the empty tomb rather than disputing it.

Acts 1:3
1 Corinthians 15:17, 20

Micah names Bethlehem centuries early; Isaiah names Cyrus by name roughly 150 years before his birth.

Micah 5:2
Isaiah 53:5

The Dead Sea Scrolls' Isaiah scroll predates Jesus, ruling out after-the-fact editing. Most "contradictions" are vantage-point differences.

"Undesigned coincidences" — the Philip/Bethsaida detail, the green grass at Passover — read like independent eyewitness testimony, not fabrication.

John 17:17

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SO

The standard for trusting Scripture's historical claims is the same standard you already apply to any other ancient testimony.

Psalm 14:1

NOW

Pick one piece of evidence from this session and write out how you'd explain it to someone honestly skeptical.

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You already trust ancient testimony on less evidence than this, every day.

Uniqueness

What actually makes this book different from every other ancient text that's survived?



~40 uncoordinated authors across ~1,500 years should show real seams. Isaiah and Revelation instead converge on one restoration trajectory.

Isaiah 40:8
Revelation 21:5

Diocletian's empire-wide edict to burn Christian scriptures was reversed within a decade. Tyndale's wording outlived his execution.

795+ complete-Bible languages, an estimated 5–7 billion copies — a reach with no real parallel among ancient texts.

John 5:39–40

Other traditions' own uniqueness claims aren't a parallel case once the specific compositional claim is stated precisely.

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SO
No other surviving ancient text combines this compositional shape, this survival record, and this reach.

NOW
Research one other ancient or influential text's manuscript and survival history, and compare it honestly to what this session traced.

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No other book has been this loved, this hated, and this unable to be silenced, for this long.

Purpose & the Absolute Law

Why did God give us this book at all, and what authority does it actually carry?



Purpose

Scripture is *ōphelimos* — useful, aimed at teaching, reproof, correction, and training. The end point is a changed reader, not an informed one.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

Scripture's Own Claims

"Thus says the LORD" appears well over 400 times. Scripture claims final authority for itself, on its own testimony.

Acts 5:20

Faith, Not Proof Alone

No amount of evidence can prove "this cannot fail." Faith in God's character is the ground; evidence confirms rather than constructs it.

Hebrews 11:6
Numbers 23:19

The Absolute Law

Every word is *tsaraph* — refined, tested, with nothing false left in it. Unlike physical law, Scripture has no special cases.

Psalm 12:6

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Evidence makes trusting Scripture reasonable; faith is what actually grounds the claim that it cannot fail.

NOW

Name the one place your own judgment currently outranks Scripture's — and write what it would look like to reverse the order.

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There is an absolute, inviolable, unchanging, unfailing law of the universe, and it's found in the pages of the Bible, written by the Creator Himself.

Reading the Bible

Now that you can trust this book, how do you actually read it so it changes you?



Matthew → John → Acts → Genesis → Romans — meeting Jesus first, then reading the rest with that reference point in hand.

John 5:46

Receptively, expectantly, meditatively (*hagah*), personally, diligently — a Berean who receives eagerly, then examines carefully.

Joshua 1:8
Acts 17:11

Consistency beats volume — a lamp lights the next few steps, not the whole horizon at once.

Psalm 119:105

The goal was never trivia mastery of Sessions 1–4. It was producing readers who actually read.

Hebrews 4:12–13

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SO

Composition, veracity, uniqueness, and authority were never the destination — they make it reasonable to give this text real attention.

NOW

Read Matthew 1–4 this week using one posture deliberately, then tell someone one thing that landed.

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When you read God's Word, it reads you.