

Chapter 1 – Why Study the Bible?

Remember: teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

Coaching Conversations:

Francis Chan's book is filled with many great words and thoughts. Your discussion with your group may be filled with some great words and thoughts as well. As good as all these "words" are, they are merely human words. The transformation that you as a leader are ideally praying for, will not come through man's words, but through applying God's Word: the Bible. As you transition into this unit, remind your group members of how God's Word plays a central role in discipleship ("*...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*" – Matt. 28:20). Consider how you can continue to incorporate Scripture into your discussion by asking your group members to back-up their thoughts and comments with Scripture.

Starting the Conversation:

As you begin your study, ask your group members to share which passages of Scripture have had the most impact on them over the past few weeks. Another great starting question would be, "What they have been learning from God's Word over the past week?"

Additional Questions Related to Lon's Message:

1. Do I believe and accept the Bible's claim to be inspired and inerrant? If so, how might that that belief impact how you entrust Biblical truth to "other faithful men who will be able to teach others also?" (2 Timothy 2:2)
2. In light of this week's message, what truths or claims from God's word do you still find hard to accept? If there are some passages that you find hard to accept, how will you go about investigating those questions?

Continuing the Conversation (optional):

- **Focus on the Verses** – One way to focus our attention on Scripture is to put the passages we need in front of us. In the Scripture attachment for this chapter, all of the verses referenced in the chapter are all collected on a single page. Hand this out to your group, read through them, and allow the verses to guide your discussion. The questions from the chapter that relate to verses have been included for your convenience.
- **How We Got the Bible** – Most everyone has heard of the Bible, but few actually know how we got it. If you or your group members have any questions about this, check out the articles in this chapter's resource section that summarizes the Inspiration, Inerrancy, Transmission and Canonicity of the Bible.
- **Additional Related Passages:** *As a primer for next week, consider reading all of Psalm 119.*
- **Memory Verse:** *1 Peter 2:1-3*
- **How did it go?** Share some experiences from your group on our blog at the website below OR tweet about it using hash-tag #gomultiply

Additional articles, resources, and ideas are available online at: www.mbctyson.org/gomultiply