

ELEVATE
FOUNDATIONS, Session 2 – The Bible

Introduction:

- Where did the wise man build his house? (*on solid rock*)
- Why did that matter? (*his house withstood the storms*)

1. What is the Bible?

- God's special revelation of Himself to mankind.

2. What Does the Bible Do? Psalm 19:7-11

- "Law," "testimonies," "statutes," "commandments," etc. all refer to the Bible.
- v. 7a: (*converts the soul*)
- v. 7b: (*makes wise the simple*)
- v. 8a: (*rejoices the heart*)
- v. 8b: (*enlightens the eyes*)
- v. 9a: How long does it endure? (*forever*)
- v. 9b: (*true and completely righteous*)
- v. 10 – How valuable is the Bible? (*more than money; sweeter than honey*)
- v. 11a: (*warns His children*)
- v. 11b: (*brings great reward*)

3. Questions to Ask When Reading the Bible (David Jeremiah)

- What does it say?

- What does it mean?

- What does it mean to me?

How should my thoughts, words, and behavior be different because of what I've read?

4. Let the Bible Speak to You

- Hebrews 4:12 – "*For the word of God is quick (alive), and powerful (active), and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*"
- Romans 8:1-4 _____

The first two foundations are prayer and the Bible.