

# Session 1: Introduction to the Bible

## Prayers

*Father God,*

*We thank you for this bestselling book, the Bible.*

*Your book, that tells your story*

*Your book, that tells our human story*

*Your book, an inspired message that changes lives for good.*

*We worship you and thank you for what it is and what it does.*

*Lord Jesus,*

*We thank you that in it we discover you, the living Word*

*The Saviour of the world*

*Sent to us that we may have life, life in all its fullness.*

*Sent to us, so that we might know the Father.*

*We worship you and thank you for who you are and what you do.*

*Spirit,*

*We thank you that you breathe life through the word*

*That you have inspired those who wrote it*

*That you inspire us through its message*

*That you breathe God's life into us.*

*We worship you and thank you for bringing life and bringing hope.*

*We bring before you now our hope for the weeks ahead,*

*As we engage with the big story of the Bible.*

*Help us to have a fresh understanding of the meaning of life*

*Help us to have a renewed sense of freedom in our lives*

*Help us to know your peace in our lives and the world*

*Help us to receive your love, and to share it with others*

*Help us to understand what it is to live in community*

*And help us to live with the certainty of hope in all that's yet to come.*

*Speak to us Lord, for we are listening.*

*Give us ears to hear, and hearts to receive,*

*And transform our lives as we discover more of you.*

*In the name of the Father, Son and Spirit,*

*Amen.*



**ORIGINS**  
& MEANING



**EXODUS**  
& FREEDOM



**EXILE**  
& PEACE



**MESSIAH**  
& LOVE



**SPIRIT**  
& COMMUNITY



**HOPE**  
& HOME