



Pass it on: the Bible verse that matters to me

Small group resource

For leaders: an introduction

Pass it on: the Bible verse that matters to me is a Bible Society campaign to encourage people to share words from Scripture that have touched their lives. We'd love to see people pass on verses to their friends, family and to the next generation, in order to demonstrate the power and impact of the Bible and spur on others in their faith. The notes here will help you lead a small group meeting to encourage people to take part in the campaign.

Introduce the campaign to your group

People tell us all the time about how the Bible has shaped their lives and actions. They talk about how God has spoken to them, how certain verses have brought them comfort when life was tough, how a particular passage guided them through a difficult decision or simply how Scripture helped them find joy in the most unlikely places.

You can read some accounts on our [Facebook page](#) (search for Bible Society).

These stories can inspire us to return to the Bible afresh. They can strengthen our faith and spur us on. When we share our experiences of the Bible with others, we can 'encourage one another and build one another up.' (1 Thessalonians 5.11)

In this session, we hope you and your group will:

- understand the importance of passing onto others our experiences of the Bible
- reflect on how the Bible has shaped and influenced your life, and choose a verse to pass on
- think about how you can pass on your verse to others

Get started

What's the best piece of advice someone gave you as a child? Something you have always remembered?

When we asked around the Bible Society office, people had all sorts of replies:

- save 10p of every £1 you earn
- do your best and never give up
- never trust a salesman

Today we're thinking about passing on something that really matters. Words that have shaped your life and decisions, which you can pass onto the next generation so that their lives, too, might be changed for good.

Bible reading and questions for your group

Read Psalm 119. Concentrate on verses 9-16, 28-31, 50-51, 71-74, 89-93, 103-105, 145-152.

The word of God (in this case, the Torah) is referenced several different ways in the Psalm: law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgements and ordinances.

- What's the author's relationship with God's word?
- How have the Scriptures revealed the character and nature of God to the author?
- How did God's word help when life was difficult?

Read John 1.14

- How can Jesus help us to live with joy, love and hope – and share that with others?

Read Hebrews 4.12

- What part can we play in keeping God's word 'living and active'?

Invite people to share their stories

Encourage people to share their stories about a particular verse, passage or story that matters to them. You might want to think about:

- Where you first read or heard the verse
- What has it meant to you in your life – was there an event, person or time in your life that it related to?
- Why that verse is especially important
- Why you want to pass that verse onto others

Invite people to share their stories

We only have the Bible today because it was passed on to us by others. Encourage people in the group to think about how they could pass on their verse and experiences.

Suggestions from us include:

- Invite a friend over for a cuppa and tell them your story
- Email contactus@biblesociety.org.uk and tell us which verse that matters to you and why, and we may feature you on our Facebook page
- Keep making God's word available to people into the future by choosing to leave a legacy gift to Bible Society. Speak to our legacy expert, Howard, if you'd like to know more, on 01793 418222 or email Howard.barker@biblesociety.org.uk
- Become an Open the Book storyteller, which means you get to go into a primary school near you, dress up and act out Bible stories for children. It's great fun! Find out more at biblesociety.org.uk/openthebook
- Create a piece of artwork based on your Bible experiences and your special verse. Search for 'art exhibition' on our website for inspiration.
- Make a donation towards Bible translation, so more people can read God's word in their first language. Around 497 million people currently have no Scripture in their language. In fact, out of almost 7,000 languages in the world, only 542 have a full Bible. Find out more at biblesociety.org.uk

Pray together

Invite the group to pray together:

- Give thanks for the Bible; for the way God can speak to us through his word, and for the hope, challenge and encouragement we find in its pages.
- Give thanks for translators, printers and Bible distribution agencies through the ages, who have enabled us to have the Bible.
- Ask God to challenge us on our role in keeping his word 'living and active', and pray that Jesus will be our inspiration as we pass on the verse that matters to us.



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