



Discussion Guide

Section #1: THE BIBLE

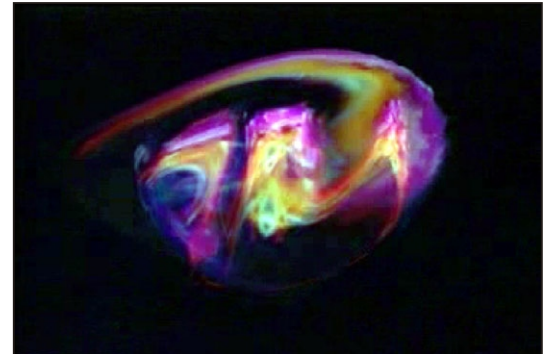
Read to the Group: Welcome to a discussion of the Bible as seen in the video, *God's Story*. This story from the Bible shows how God reached down to us creating us and loving us. It is the greatest story ever told because of the dramatic way it can personally impact us. As we view this video in sections, I will be stopping and asking for your opinions on what we have just seen. I am interested in hearing your observations on certain subjects. Let's watch its short introduction and I want to ask you a few questions.

Group Question:

1. After viewing this introduction, how do you see that the writing and message of the Bible is different from any other books in human history?

Leader Information: The depth of this discussion will probably be dependent on their understanding of Buddhist teachings. You are just asking for a reaction. Avoid spending a lot of time on this section. Rather than trying to convince them that the Bible is better than other teachings, just ask them if they see any difference. In time, the Lord will show the truth to those who want to know. Possible answers...

- Written by many authors (40) over a long period of time.
- Although most of the authors did not know each other and lived in different centuries, their writings all agree.
- God spoke the words and men wrote them down. It is not man's writings.
- The Bible is a message of love.
- The Bible tells us that we can know the Creator God.



Show the Following Segment from the *God's Story* video:

Begin with the introduction "God... the creator and giver of life" (Swirling ball that turns into earth)...through... "This is God's Story" (Opening of the Bible. If the title, *God's Story* reads in your language, you may or may not choose to show it at end of the opening Bible scene.) 1 minute



Read this Scripture to the Group: The Bible says,

“The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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” (Hebrews 4:12).

Transition Statement: We will begin this video journey that will show us some of the main stories written in the Bible now (*or* next time when we meet).

Leader Information: THE WORD OF GOD IS SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD... Leader, trust the power of the Word of God to convince class members. As God's Word brought you to faith in Jesus, so will it continue to bring others who seek truth.

Leader Scripture: Be assured by reviewing these next verses that God Himself will be speaking to sincere seekers.

“So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

“For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened” (Matthew 7:8).

“But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:13).

“We love him, because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19).