WHY GOD GAVE US A BOOK by Gene Edward Veith

TO THE READER: A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

- 1. Does God still speak to us today? If so, how does He do it? (5-10)
- 2. What was the #1 reason God gave us the Bible? (10-13)
- 3. In what sense do we meet God in the Bible? (13-16)

- 4. What do we mean when we talk about "God's Law," or the "Law of God?" (16-20)
- 5. Read Habakkuk 1:13a, Matthew 5:48, and Romans 6:23. What hope can there be for us? (20-22)
- 6. How important is the Bible? Why? How important is it to you? Why? (22-24)

- 7. What about all the errors in the Bible? (28-31)
- 8. Who should be allowed to interpret Scripture? (31-34)

9. The Bible was completed 2000 years ago. Should we not expect God to give us more? (34-39)

After going through these questions, read the text and fill in the answers in preparation for class, noting other questions you might have. [By the way, if you do have any other questions about what you read, write them down here so you remember them at class time.]

APPLICATION

For the Group

Evaluate how much time your group spends just reading the Bible. Many groups spend a great deal of time studying the details of the Bible, but not enough time just reading it and letting it speak for itself.

For the Members of the Group

Dr. Veith gives a number of good ideas for improving your Bible reading with a small commitment of time. (39-43) You might find it helpful to get a copy of the *One Year Bible*, which is available in most translations. Commit yourself, right now, to develop the habit of communing with God every day in His Word.

For Further Study

What is the Bible? Basics of the Faith Series, Guy Prentiss Waters. P&R, 2013. *A Book Like No Other: What's So Special About the Bible*? Carol Ruvolo. P&R, 2009. *The Story: The Bible's Grand Narrative of Redemption*, Jon Nielson. P&R 2014.

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