

**Enter In Series  
To His Word  
10/19/24  
Newport News**

**Opening**

**-(financial update)**

-participation: **Most popular diet in your lifetime?**

-new diet..."Feasting" 1n7 (explain)

**-(I'll call for the series slide)**

-God wants to use your life to spell **Jesus** to the world!

**-Matthew 4:3-4**

-My first fast...

**Introduction**

-Answers In Genesis

**The Bible was written over a period of roughly 2,000 years by 40 different authors from three continents, who wrote in three different languages. These facts alone make the Bible one of a kind, but there are many more amazing details that defy natural explanation...**

Shepherds, kings, scholars, fishermen, prophets, a military general, a cupbearer, and a priest all penned portions of Scripture. They had different immediate purposes for writing, whether recording history, giving spiritual and moral instruction, or pronouncing judgment. They composed their works from palaces, prisons, the wilderness, and places of exile while writing history, laws, poetry, prophecy, and proverbs. In the process they laid bare their personal emotions, expressing anger, frustration, joy, and love.

-Some Bible trivia?

- **The most common command?** (fear not) (**ant picture**...joke about Revelation)
- **Longest chapter?** (Psalm 119)
- **Shortest verse?** (John 11:35 and Job 3:2)
- **Longest name?** (Mahershalalhashbaz, Isaiah 8:1)
- **Person who lived the longest?** (Methuselah, 969)
- **Most referred to person, other than Jesus?** (David, 971 & Moses, 803)

*-But if we aren't careful, we will reduce our time with the Bible to an exercise in learning alone and forget that Scripture feeds my soul and puts in me the building blocks of a life well lived!*

-(tell story of first time Bible gripped you...**John 10:10**)

### **How did we get this Bible?**

-read excerpt from Church History in Plain Language

**-show chart from CHIPL**

-the three tests for inclusion in the Biblical Canon

1. Self-evidencing quality
2. Used in Christian worship
3. Ties to an Apostle

**-show chart from Alpha course**

-Bible Project Video (5 mins.)

### **What does the Bible say of itself?**

-Deuteronomy 8:3

-Joshua 1:8

-2 Samuel 22:31

-Ezra 7:10

-Psalm 1:2-3

-Proverbs 30:5

-Isaiah 40:8

-Jeremiah 23:29

-Matthew 24:35

-Luke 11:28

-2 Timothy 3:16-17

-Hebrews 4:12

-1 Peter 1:25

-(tell story of **Proverbs 3:5-6** at Christian Children's Fund)

>When you start to follow the Bible, the Bible starts to follow you

## **Band**

-**Mark 7:37**

## **Close**

-Bob Santos' book "The Touchpoint"

- Inspired
- Infallible
- Authoritative