3. What the Bible Does

•	Turns your life (from the out) – "converting the soul"			
•	Makes you a person – "making wise the simple"			
•	Cyou up — "rejoicing the heart"			
•	L your way – "enlightening the eyes"			
•	Applies to situation, for all – "enduring forever true and righteous altogether"			
•	S and d like nothing else can – "More to be desired "			
•	Determines the of your life – "warned reward"			

For next time: Read Mark 1:1-45 and Mark 10:32-45. We will talk about the Big Question, "Who Is Jesus?"

BIG QUESTION #3: WHAT IS THE BIBLE

Psalm 19:7-11

The word "Bible" comes from the Egyptian word byblus, which was a reed-like plant used to make writing material in the ancient world. The word byblus became biblion in the Greek language, and then turned into bible in English. The basic meaning is "book."

The Israelite prophet Daniel called the writings of other prophets "the books" (Daniel 9:2). During the years after all the Old and New Testament books were completed and collected, Christians began referring to the entire collection as "The Books." Then they changed the plural to singular, recognizing that the individual books formed a unified whole, "The Book," or as we call it today, The Bible.

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The Bible is God's to the people He and	such as family conflicts, military losses, and occasions of fear, ignorance, and doubt.	
The people who wrote the books of the Bible were specially by God so that what they wrote is God's to us. So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of	 Perfect – The Bible describes history with astounding precision. This has been proven over and over through archaeological discoveries. It also addresses every issue of human existence with honesty, insight, and answers. 	
one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but <u>men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God</u> . 2 Peter 1:19-21 (New American Standard Bible)	• God's – "law"	
During and after the time when the books of the Old and New Testaments were written, people recognized that the writings were not of human origin. These qualities include: • Unusual – 40 authors, including kings, prophets, judges, a shepherd, a tax agent, a physician, a rabbi, and	The story of from God's point of view – "testimony"	
some fishermen wrote over a period of 1,500 years in 3 languages, and the book harmonizes into one cohesive, complete message.	• D for life – "statutes commandments"	
 Fulfilled – The Bible itself sets the standard for 100% accuracy (Deuteronomy 18:21-22). Hundreds of predictions made in the Bible have been fulfilled in 	The awesomeness of God – "fear"	
remarkably specific ways throughout history. Many of them are centered in the birth, life, substitutionary death, resurrection, and reign of Jesus Christ.	• The of God – "judgments"	
 Stark – The Bible doesn't make its main characters appear as "bigger than life" heroes. Even the leaders of Israel and founders of Christianity are presented as flawed humans who matured and were effective only with God's help. Examples include Abraham, Moses, David, 		