13. Who is the central theme of the Bible?
谁是圣经的中心主题? 约翰福音 **John 5:39**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

14. What will happen in our lives as we study the precious promises of God's Word?
当我们学习上帝的话语珍贵的应许时，我们的人生会怎样?
彼得后书 **2 Peter 1:3, 4**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

The Scriptures testify or bear witness of Jesus. As we study the Bible, the power of the living Christ will transform us.

圣经时为耶稣作为见证。当我们学习圣经，基督活生生的力量会改变我们。

我的决定 MY DECISION

☐ *It is my determined purpose to allow the Holy Spirit to shape my life as I open my heart to discover Jesus' love and truth in His word.*
我决定让圣灵进入我的生命打开我的心门，在他的话语中发现耶稣的爱和真理。

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How to Understand the Bible?
怎样明白圣经?

Direction For Life

Let's suppose that you are driving to a very important appointment. It's urgent! The appointment is a thousand miles from your home. It is an unfamiliar city. Your appointment is at 2.00 p.m. at a business address that is totally new. The president of one of leading's corporations has offered you a valuable position.

Sixty miles from your destination you doubt whether you will make it on time. You are not even sure whether you are going in the right direction. You stop to ask for help. Each of the people you ask gives different directions. Totally confused, you become hopelessly lost. You are now certain that you will miss this crucial appointment.

In your desperate search to find the address, you ask a petrol station attendant. Fortunately, he not only knows the way but gives you a map with explicit directions. With new confidence you set out assured of your destination. You make the appointment precisely on time.

假设你正驾车赴一个很重要的约会，而且是一个十分紧急的约会! 约会地点又是在百里之外，是一个你不熟悉的城市。要你在下午二点钟之前赶到，因有位大公司总裁，将为你提供一个合适的职位。

当离目的地还有三十里，你还在担心自己是否能按时赶到；你甚至不肯定自己是否朝着正确的方向走。于是你停下车求助，但每一个回答你的人，都给你不同的方向；导致你糊涂起来，不知所措。心想，肯定会错过这重大的约会。

在失望之余, 跑到加油站去问路, 油站的职员不但知道那条路怎样走，而且还给你一张指引清晰的街道图, 还有助你重拾信心, 朝着目标进发。

God has given us directions for the 20st century. The most important directions in life involve getting from earth to heaven. The most important appointment in life is to be ready to meet Christ when He returns. There is no second chance on eternity. To miss an eternity with Christ is to miss life's most important appointment. Yet multitudes have taken wrong "religious directions." They are helplessly lost on the road of life. With no "religious" map to guide them, they are confused. They have searched for truth on their own but have come up empty. They have listened to misguided voices, and their desperate search has led nowhere. They are on the wrong road, and they know it.

Where can we find a reliable map? Are there directions to guide us confidently through the twenty-first century? There are. The Bible provides clear information. It presents understandable answers to the deepest questions of the human heart.

Questions such as: • How can I be certain of eternal life? • If God is so good, why is the world such a mess? • How can I have peace of mind? • How can I become the person I really want to be? • What happens five minutes after death? • What is the ultimate solution to stress? • Are we living at the end of human history? • How will the world end?

二十世纪的今天，上帝给我们一个生活方向，就是从地上的生活转向天国的生活。我们有个重要的约会,就是在基督回来的时候，将如何迎见他，永生是没有第二次的机会,错过了永远与基督相交的机会，就是错过了人生最大的约会,可惜大多数的人还是走错了信仰的方向.到头来在人生路是无助地倒下去,没有信仰路向的指示，令人不知何去何从 .如果用自己的方法寻求真理，无疑落得竹篮打水一场空，若是听信错误的指引，不但走错了路，还叫人失望呢!

我们在哪里可以找到人生可靠的地图? 有什么正确方向可以指引我们安然度过这二十一世纪的? 有，圣经不但给我们明确的指示，还给我们有关人生诸多问题的答案。

我怎样肯定有永生?
假如上帝是善的,为什么这个世界如此混乱?
我怎样得到内心平安?
我怎样活出真我?
人死后的五分钟是如何的?
解决压力的最终方法是什么?
我们正处在人类历史的最后阶段?
世界将会怎样结束?

《寻找确据函授课》的课文,乃是引用圣经回答这街问题。你可在上帝的国中找到信念。假如你从未学过圣经，你会在那里获丰厚的回报。当你寻找人生的真义，上帝的话会给你鼓励和希望。假如你曾经是圣经学校的学生，这些课程会加深你对上帝话语的认识。

It is very important to study the Bible for yourself. We can't rely on what others tell us. God invites you to go on a personal discovery of truth from His Word.

自己学习查经是十分重要的，我们不能只依赖其他人告诉我们，上帝邀请我们自己来寻求他的真理。

11. If God is guiding us into truth when we study the Scriptures, what method of Bible study will be especially helpful in discovering God's truth?
假如我们学习圣经时上帝的引导，有什么圣经的学习方法可以帮助我们发掘上帝的真理？以赛亚书 **Isaiah 28:9, 10;** 哥林多前书 **1 Corinthians 2:13**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

Let's suppose you are putting together a jigsaw puzzle. Do you come to a conclusion about what the finished picture will look like without looking at the original picture? Certainly not! It's the same with God's Word. God invites us to study all the texts on a given subject before coming to a conclusion regarding what the Bible teaches on a particular topic.
让我们假设你在完拼图游戏，当你玩到最后，你是否会不需要一张原图与你拼成的图案来对照？当然不会！上帝的话语也是这样。在我们对圣经某个特别主题的教导总结之前，上帝邀请我们学习关于这个主题的所有章节。

12. What guarantee has Jesus given to ensure that as we study the Bible with a sincere heart we will be led into His truth? 耶稣给了我们什么应许，使我们在恳切地学习圣经时，会被引导进入他的真理？ 约翰福音 **John 16:13**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

As the Holy Spirit leads us in our Bible study, interpreting line upon line and text after text, we will know the truth of God. God has not left us alone in our pursuit of truth. He has promised the Holy Spirit's guidance.

当圣灵领导我们，在查经时使用更多的以经解经，我们便会明白上帝的真理。在我们追求真理的时候，上帝是不会丢弃我们的。他应许赐圣灵作为我们的引导。

8. What attitude is essential in understanding the Bible Truth?
明白圣经真理的基本态度是什么？约翰福音 **John 7:17**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

An understanding of the Bible largely depends on a willingness to do whatever God requires. Bible study is not simply a mental exercise. It is a heart experience. If you are willing to do whatever God asks you in His Word, He will guide you to the truth.

要明白圣经真理，很大程度上取决于你是否愿意跟随上帝所要求你去做的。学习圣经不是简单的思想训练，而是一段心路历程。假如你愿意实行上帝在他圣言中要求你去做的，他必指引你进入真理之中。

9. Why do some people have difficulty understanding Bible truth? 为什么有些人很难明白圣经真理？
以赛亚书 **Isaiah 53:6;** 箴言 **Proverbs 16:25**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

Understanding the Bible is difficult for some people because of their unwillingness to give up their own ideas. God invites us to seek His way, not our own. He invites us to turn from the pride of our own understanding to humble acceptance of His revealed will in His Word.

有些人很难明白圣经，是因为他们不愿意舍弃己见。上帝邀请我们去寻找他的道路，不是我们自己的道路，他邀请我们离开带着自我骄傲的理解，谦卑地去接受在他圣言中的启示。

10. What does the Bible tell us we should do to understand truth? 圣经告诉我们怎样做才能明白真理？ 提摩太后书 **2 Timothy 2:15**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

The first lesson, titled “How to Understand the Bible,” unlocks the hidden secrets of understanding the Bible for yourself. The Bible was written over a 1,500-year period. It contains 66 books, written by about 40 different authors. The Bible’s authors deal with the most difficult and controversial topics imaginable, yet they agree. They do not contradict one another. These writings give evidence of divine inspiration.

There is one central message throughout the Bible, Christ – the Saviour of humankind. The Bible story begins in Eden, God’s perfect world, and ends in Eden, God’s perfect world restored.
Before sin entered the world, God communicated directly with Adam and Eve. Sin separated our first parents from God. Today, face-to-face fellowship with God is no longer possible. Still the heart of a loving God longs to communicate with a planet in rebellion. Let’s discuss how.

在本课,为你揭发圣经的面纱，圣经写作时间前后超过1500年. 其中包括66卷书，由40 多位不同的作者写成。 圣经作者引出最难以想象及争辩的事，但她们的观点是一致的，彼此并没有冲突地方。圣经的文字， 都是圣经默示的明证。圣经有一个中心信息，贯穿于整本圣经中， 基督是人类的救主. 圣经的故事开始于伊甸园，上帝创设的完美世界，而故事的结束于伊甸园，上帝恢复的完美世界。

在罪进入世界前，上帝与亚当和夏娃直接对话。. 罪使人类的第一对父母与上帝分离。今天想与上帝面对面交谈，已成明日黄花；但是充满爱的上帝， 仍然渴望与背叛的人类恢复交通。且让我们来看看，事件究竟是如何。

1. How does God communicate with a fallen race?
上帝怎样与堕落的人类交通？彼得后书 **2 Peter 1:21**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

God spoke through His Holy Spirit and inspired the prophets to write down His messages. Although they recorded these messages in their own words, the message of the Bible comes directly from God. The Bible is God's Word.

上帝借着他的圣灵默示先知去写下他的信息。虽然他们以自记的话语来记录这些信息，但这些圣经的信息是直接由上帝而来的，圣经就是上帝的话。

2. Since the Bible was written by human beings, how much of it is actually inspired by God?
由于圣经为人所写，究竟其中有多少为上帝所默示呢？
提摩太书 **2 Timothy 3:16**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

Both the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God. The Old Testament consists of the first 39 books of the Bible from Genesis to Malachi. It reveals God's plan for His people before Jesus' birth. The New Testament, the last 27 books of the Bible (from Matthew to Revelation), reveals the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It especially describes God's instructions to His church today.

圣经的新、旧约都是上帝所默示的。旧约，包括了从创世记到玛拉基书前的 39 本书。它启示了上帝在耶稣降生前给他子民的计划。新约，圣经最后的 27 本书（从马太福音到启示录）记载了耶稣的降生，生平，被钉和复活。它特别记录了上帝对他今日教会的指示。

3. Since scribes copied the Bible repeatedly throughout the centuries, is it still reliable today? Can we really trust the Bible?
由于多世纪以来，抄经家不断重复抄写圣经，今天圣经是否有其可靠性？我们真的可以信赖圣经吗？诗篇 **Psalms 12:6, 7**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

The same Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible has preserved it throughout the centuries. Recent archaeological and historical discoveries have further confirmed its accuracy and reliability. God's Word is a safe, reliable guide.

默示圣经的同一个圣灵将它保持至今，最近考古学家和历史学家，发现更多的证据，证明它的准确性和可靠性。上帝的话是一个安全，可靠的指引。

4. What was God's purpose in giving us the Bible?
上帝给我们圣经的目的是什么？诗篇 **Psalm 119:105**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

God's Word is like a torch. When you are in a dark place, the torch's beams penetrate the darkness, providing light on the path ahead. The Bible enlightens our understanding.

上帝的话语就像手电筒一样，当你在黑暗当中，照亮你的前程。照样，圣经点亮了我们的思想。

5. What is the first principle of understanding the Bible correctly? 正确明白圣经真理的第一个原则是什么？
彼得后书 **2 Peter 1:20**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

We avoid private interpretation by letting the Bible explain itself. The Bible is its own interpreter. By allowing one passage of Scripture to explain another we discover God's interpretation.

我们要以圣经解释圣经，避免用"私意"解释圣经。圣经本身就是最后的解释，我们发现以一节圣经来解释另外一节圣经，就是解释圣经的最好方法。

6. What is the source of God's truth?
上帝真理之源头是什么？ 约翰福音 **John 17:17**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____

7. With so many people interpreting the Bible differently, is it possible to know truth?
有这么多人对圣经作不同的解释，我们是否能明白真理？
约翰福音 **John 8:32**

圣经答案 The Bible answers: _____