

How Can an Ancient Book Offer the Answers to Modern Life?

Description: Five people get in a van. Each feels they know the way to their destination. Only one has a map by the makers of the road system. Which would you follow? This Power Track will help you explore how relevant the Bible is to making daily decisions.

Key Verses: 2 Peter 1:1-21

Prompt: Dig up an old copy of Bible Trivia (or find questions online). Split students into teams and give them five minutes to compete against one another. As the game concludes, assure them the Word of God is meant for more than trivia. God gave it for life transformation.

Play: Video of Randy Smith, “How Can an Ancient Book...?” buildmomentum.org/resources

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ **Read** Romans 12:2. *What does this verse have to do with submarines, fish, the world, and our main goal as followers of Jesus?*
- ⏪ “The World is desperately trying to press you into its mold... to conform: to look like they want you to be,” Randy warns. *What are examples of this pressure to conform to the world?*
- ⏪ Understanding the Bible starts with seeing the Big Story. *What is the Big Story of the Bible?*
- ⏪ **Read** 2 Peter 1:1-7. *How does this passage give us the right mix of ingredients for life?*
- ⏪ Randy says, “Faith is a biblical worldview.” What’s a worldview? How is the biblical one different from the worlds, which offers only “science, sex, and self”?
- ⏪ Randy describes “knowledge” as *strategy*. *What are some examples of strategic thinking?*
- ⏪ Some churches, Randy laments, regularly teach “how to find God” but not “how to follow God when you’ve found him.” *What are some reasons this can be problematic?*
- ⏪ The Bible comprises 1189 chapters compiled in 66 books written over 1500 years by 40 plus authors. *What are its six main types of literature? What parts have you read? Skipped?*
- ⏪ “There’s no substitute for the diet of the Word of God,” Randy teaches. “The life of Christ won’t flow from you if the Word of Christ isn’t dwelling in you.” *How would you rate your diet?*
- ⏪ *What are common excuses we provide for not reading the Bible?*

Pray: Remind students of the awesome privilege of knowing God through His Word. Read Psalm 119:91-16. Invite students to pray aloud in a large group, stating attributes of God that inspire their praise (e.g., He is holy, He is good). Close by praying for a renewed commitment to His Word.