



# WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

*It is the Instruction Manual from God.*

## Lesson 2C - How does God Communicate with us?

- *Keep in mind that before people had (or wanted) access to the Bible, God used other ways.*



### THROUGH PEOPLE & CIRCUMSTANCES

*We are all different in how willing we are to help people. Even if we are a loner, wanting to keep away from others, most of us will cringe when we see someone being beat up or abused, especially if it is a child. Things have changed; you could step into a situation & suffer injury, rejection, a lawsuit. That definitely causes us to think twice. If we saw our parents get involved in things like this, we might be prone to get involved. God's image shining through our conscience might prompt us.*

1.  Yes  No Have you ever jumped into someone else's problem, and then wondered later what came over you to do that?
2. What would you rather do in a problem moment for someone else?
  - a.  Give some needy person a couple of bucks on the street.
  - b.  Break up a fight if one of the persons was overpowered.
  - c.  Walk by and do not get involved.

**GOD LOVES THE POOR, SOMEONE NEEDING HELP, SOMEONE NEEDING HOPE, THE OVERWHELMED, THOSE SURROUNDED BY TROUBLES, THOSE WHO HAVE TOTALLY LOST HEART, AND THOSE WHO NEED DEFENDING.**

3. (Proverbs 19:17) What do the poor need? \_\_\_\_\_
4. (Prov. 3:27) What do the depressed need? \_\_\_\_\_
5. (Matt. 5:42) What do the desperate need? \_\_\_\_\_
6. (Rom. 12:13) What do the hopeless need? \_\_\_\_\_
7. (Gal. 6:2) What do the overwhelmed need? \_\_\_\_\_
8. (1 Thess. 5:11) What do the troubled need? \_\_\_\_\_
9. (Gal. 6:9) What do the suicidal need? \_\_\_\_\_
10. (Isaiah 1:17) What do the defenseless need? \_\_\_\_\_

*Here's the weird thing. I do not help every needy person I meet. I have said, "I'm sorry that I have nothing to offer you today, but could we talk for a few minutes"?*

11.  Yes  No Do you think that sounds like a cop out?
12.  Yes  No Wouldn't it be better to be honest & give some time rather than do nothing?
13. I am a selfish & introverted person. When I reach out to someone, I shock myself. I actually thank God that I allowed Him to shine His light through me on someone else. Have you faced this?  Yes  No Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

*God created all of us. Regardless of the life-path we took, He still loves us and wants His best for us. People get so far "down" that they do not hear anything "religious"; they might be mad at God; they have been cut off by their families, or they have cut off their family. NO ONE IS THERE FOR THEM. THIS MAKES THE HEART OF GOD ACHE. They end up in desperate & hopeless survival mode.*

14.  Yes  No Did someone reach out to you in some simple way while you were "surviving"?

**Keep in mind that this needy person may not be: reading the Bible, hearing a sermon or trying to change. THAT PERSON IS SIMPLY READING YOU. GOD PUT YOU THERE.**

*You may not give the answers to life; you may never know the end of this story; you may simply give some time or a hamburger. God will do the rest.*