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THE  
**BLANK**  
**BIBLE**  
CHALLENGE



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**It Begins With You** You are now ready to introduce your church to the Blank Bible Challenge where they will gain a greater appreciation for Scripture. In this booklet, you'll find step-by-step instructions to help you present the Blank Bible Challenge to your church.

Remember—your personal story is very important to the success of the Blank Bible Challenge in your church. Take the time to personalize the presentations in this booklet. Use examples and stories from your own life.

The Blank Bible Challenge will be successful in your church when you:

- > Cover the Challenge in prayer. You are inviting your church to embark upon a spiritual journey. Great videos and polished presentations will not make up for the absence of prayer.
  - > Generate awareness within your church about the date for the Kick-Off Sunday of the Blank Bible Challenge.
  - > Share from your heart and your personal experience. Members of your church will appreciate hearing your motivations for becoming a OneVerse monthly partner, so include personal stories in all presentations.
  - > Make use of the videos to clearly and succinctly present the challenge and the opportunity.
  - > On Commitment Sunday, be very clear in your instructions when directing people to the OneVerse table. Explain how they can become OneVerse partners.
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## Building Awareness of the Blank Bible Challenge

**It's important to get the word out about the Blank Bible Challenge.** Here are some tips:

- > Make announcements during the church services leading up to the launch of the Blank Bible Challenge.
- > Place Blank Bible Challenge announcements in your church bulletin or newsletter.
- > Strategically display Blank Bible Challenge posters around your church. (posters included in Resource Kit)
- > Use Facebook and Twitter to promote the Blank Bible Challenge at your church.
- > If your church has a website or uses social networking sites, see about including Blank Bible Challenge announcements on these sites.

If you have not received your Resource Kit two weeks prior to your Kick-Off Sunday, please call us at (866) 663-8377 right away. We're here to help you!

*Open up the  
Word for 28 days.*

## Sunday #1: Kick-Off Sunday

### Presenting the Blank Bible Challenge

#### Supplies/Resources needed for this Sunday

- Blank Bible Challenge bulletin inserts to distribute to every person in your church.
- *Reactions* video

**Explain** that the Blank Bible Challenge is a two-fold challenge. On this Kick-Off Sunday, you will introduce the first challenge – to spend 28-days in God's Word. The bulletin insert provided in your Resource Kit provides instructions on how your members can register to participate in this 28-day challenge.

**Invite everyone** to participate by registering for the Blank Bible Challenge Devotionals at [www.oneverse.org/church](http://www.oneverse.org/church). Refer them to the bulletin insert they received this Sunday.

#### Let them know

- > It's easy to register online and receive free daily e-mails that will take them on a journey through Scripture from Creation to the early Church.
- > Multimedia resources will bring Scripture alive. Each day, participants can also watch and hear professional storytellers recount these daily Scripture passages in two unique and memorable productions.
- > Discussion points keep them talking about what they've seen and heard.
- > These 15-minute daily adventures in the Scripture are great for personal study, family devotions and small groups.
- > The Word of God will change their lives.

*"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires" (Hebrews 4:12, NLT).*



## Sunday #2: Opening Up a Whole New World for Others

### Introducing the Need for Bible translation

#### Supplies/Resources needed for this Sunday

- *Hope Starts* video – choose between the 60-second or 120-second versions

#### Talking points for introducing the need to give everyone access to God's Word

*Can you imagine life without God's Word, with no clear understanding of who God is or what He's done for us?*

- This is a reality for more than 2,200 people groups across the globe that don't have Scripture in a language they can understand – not even one verse.
- Out of the nearly 7,000 languages in the world, only 451 have the entire Bible.
- Each year in Bibleless language communities, 2.4 million people die without clearly hearing the truth about Jesus.

#### Let them know

- Your church will team up with national Bible translators from a specific language group and help provide them with Scripture for the very first time.
- This is a very practical and exciting way for your church to follow Christ's commission to "go and make disciples of all nations."
- Tell them about the upcoming "Commitment Sunday" when they can sign up to help with translating the Bible for a specific language group.

#### Next Sunday

We're looking forward to hearing from you and finding out how your lives are being impacted through the Blank Bible Challenge.

## Sunday #3: Celebrating the Impact of God's Word

### Hearing testimonies from Blank Bible Challenge participants

#### Opportunity for today

This Sunday would be a perfect time for church members to encourage each other about the significance of God's Word in their lives. Selected participants in the Blank Bible Challenge may want to share how the daily devotionals are impacting their lives. Talk to your pastor about this opportunity.

#### Let them know

Next Sunday, you will introduce your church to the specific language group with whom you are partnering to give them God's Word in their own language.



*"Hearing the stories of God makes it possible for us to love Him, but having a Bible in our language makes it possible to love and follow Him directly."*

- Dr. Joel Hunter, Senior Pastor  
Northland Church, Orlando, Florida



## Sunday #4: Opening Up a New World for Our New Friends

### Introducing the specific people group your church has selected

#### Supplies/Resources needed for this Sunday

- > *The Light is Coming* video
- > PowerPoint slide introducing the specific people group with whom you are partnering (download from [oneverse.org/church](http://oneverse.org/church))

#### Talking points for introducing the people group your church will impact

Introduce the specific people group your church has selected. Refer to the profile of that people group in your Resource Kit.

#### Let them know

Remind them that next Sunday is Commitment Sunday, and invite them to prayerfully consider how they will participate in providing God's Word for your selected people group.

#### Consider sharing these words from a OneVerse partner

Ben Stuart, Executive Director for Breakaway ministries at Texas A&M University says, *"We are so grateful for OneVerse. Because of their work, university students in Texas participated in delivering the Words of God to a people group in Indonesia! What lover of God wouldn't want to be a part of sending His Word to people who don't have it in their own language? OneVerse made this glorious dream possible for us. Thank you for helping us reach across the world with the precious message of our King!"*

## Final Sunday #5: Commitment Sunday

### Inspiring your church to help fulfill the Great Commission through Scripture translation

#### Supplies/Resources needed for this Sunday

- > *The Gamo See Jesus* video
- > OneVerse Blank Bible
- > OneVerse table set up
- > OneVerse partner packets

Today is the day that you invite members from your church to become OneVerse partners with your selected people group. Because of faithful OneVerse partners, your selected people group will have access to the Bible in their own language.

#### Talking points for inviting members to become OneVerse Partners

- > Jesus called all of us to go and share the Gospel, to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. This mandate reaches across denominational lines and cultures.
- > Living out the Great Commission through funding Bible translation gives us a deeper appreciation for God's Word as we help others discover the Good News of the Gospel and the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- > Use the OneVerse Blank Bible to demonstrate what it is like NOT to have God's Word. End your Blank Bible demonstration with a statement such as, "As OneVerse Partners for the \_\_\_\_\_ people, we get to help them fill in the pages."
- > OneVerse Partners are individuals who commit to give \$26 per month to a specific people group so that people group receives God's Word in their own language.
- > OneVerse Partners receive updates each month from the translation team and hear about the progress in translation.
- > Each month, OneVerse Partners also receive the specific verse their gift will help translate.



## Final Sunday #5: Commitment Sunday (continued)

### Let them know

- > Becoming a OneVerse Partner is easy – simply fill out the registration form enclosed in the OneVerse partner packets at the OneVerse table (hold up a OneVerse partner packet for all to see).
- > Where the OneVerse table is located.
- > Becoming a OneVerse partner is a \$26/month commitment.
- > Give them specific instructions on when they should make their way to the OneVerse table.

When you order your Blank Bible Resource Kit, a more detailed Commitment Sunday Presentation Guide will be enclosed.

Soon after Commitment Sunday, fill out the report form enclosed in the Blank Bible Challenge Resource Kit. Using the large enclosed envelope, send the OneVerse partner registration forms and the Commitment Sunday report form to The Seed Company.

We are here to serve you and make the Blank Bible Challenge a memorable and powerful experience for your church. If you have any questions, please contact us at (866) 663-8377.

### Blank Bible Challenge Facts

Use these facts to help teach your congregation about the need.

- > Out of nearly 7,000 languages in the world, only 451 (6%) have the whole Bible.
- > 2,200 language groups don't have a single verse of Scripture.
- > 350 million people – more than the population of the entire United States – don't even have one verse of Scripture.
- > Of the 350 million people who don't have a single verse of Scripture in their language, more than 93% percent are located in three areas of the world: Africa, Asia and the Pacific.
- > 2.4 million people die annually without hearing or reading God's Word.
- > Currently, the Seed Company is working on Bible translation projects in more than 300 language groups.
- > The Seed Company is working to begin Scripture translation in every language by 2025.

### In the Folder Pocket, you'll find

- > Sample posters (2)
- > Sample bulletin insert
- > DVD

But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him?

And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him?

And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?

And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?

That is why the Scriptures say, *How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!* (Romans 10:14-15)



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