

Showing us God's ways in people's words

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What's the Bible for? We asked dozens of writers to respond to this question in seven words or less, as well as to expand on their response in a few sentences. To see all of the responses together as they are posted, bookmark this [page](#).

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The Bible is a collection of writings covering a long historical period. It tells stories of encounters with God, mediated through the words of people. As a library of books, it offers many perspectives on life with God through diverse genres, addressing disparate questions in different contexts. Containing multitudes, it invites free and full conversations for those who have never seen God, those who see God everywhere, and those who want to see God. The Bible tells us what it looks like when God shows up, but is also honest about how God too often remains elusive and hidden.