

Facilitator Notes – Jehovah’s Witnesses vs the Bible

These notes guide an SDBS facilitator in leading discovery study.

1. Identity of Jesus

- Ask what the passage says about Jesus’ nature (John 1:1; Hebrews 1:5–8).
- Explore whether Jesus is presented as created or eternal.
- Highlight that Hebrews compares Jesus to angels and declares Him superior.

2. Identity of the Holy Spirit

- Observe verbs: teaches, reminds, speaks, can be lied to, can be grieved.
- Ask if an impersonal force can experience grief.

3. Salvation and the 144,000

- Use Romans 10:9–13 and Eph 2:8–10 to explore salvation.
- Compare JW claims with Revelation 7 & 14.
- Discuss passages describing conscious life after death.

4. Claims about Jesus Returning in 1914

- Matt 24:27 and Acts 1:11 emphasise universal visibility.

5. Authority of the Watchtower

- Acts 17:11 — test all teachings.
- Gal 1:8–9 — no alternative gospel is acceptable.
- 2 Tim 3:16–17 — Scripture is sufficient.

6. The NWT Translation

- Compare NWT and standard translations (e.g., John 1:1).
- Encourage transparent, open Bible checking.

7. Failed Prophecies

- Use Deut 18:20–22 to explore the biblical test of a prophet.
- Compare with predictions made in JW history.

Facilitator Summary:

Focus on discovery, not debate. Use accredited Bible translations and return frequently to “What does the Bible actually say?”