

#writetheword

How To Host a #writetheword Party

Why is There a # Sign?

It is a hashtag seen on Twitter and Instagram.

(What is a hashtag?) According to the Twitter website, the # symbol, called a hashtag, is used to mark keywords or topics in a Tweet. It was created organically by Twitter users as a way to categorize messages.

#writetheword is a fellowship of people who are literally hand writing the Word of God for various reasons that include,

1. The Bible encourages us to do so (Deuteronomy 17: 18,19)
2. The act of writing helps eliminate distracting thoughts.
3. It serves to remind us of what Bible translators worldwide daily encounter as they consider every jot and tittle of the Word of God.
4. Writing is enjoyable.
5. It leaves an eternal legacy to be passed down to your children.
6. Aids in the memorization of Scripture.

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Your task (or journey) of copying the Bible word for word is much simpler than a One Verse Bible Translator; however, the #writetheword habit does require perseverance and attention to detail. #writetheword helps you empathize with Bible Translators and remember to not only pray for these unique missionaries, but encourage and financially support the work of Bible Translation through organizations such as [One Verse](#).

20th century AD – the modern Bible translation movement is begun by Wycliffe Bible translators. The church in each people group/language now has the possibility of having God's Word in their own language. "God is no longer a stranger."

You Are Invited

To Invite Others to #writetheword

You are invited to host a potentially life changing event in your home, at a local coffee shop, with a group of moms during a play date, or at your church.

When you meet together, not only are you fellowshiping with people who love Jesus and the Word of God, but you have the awesome potential of praying for real people in the field actively translating the Bible, allowing the Bible to transform you as you write, and raising awareness of Bible Translation and the importance of ending #biblepoverty (the condition in which a people group does not have a single word of the Bible in their language).

Who Can Host a #writetheword party?

Anyone. But typically an individual who isn't ashamed of the Gospel, wants to encourage others in their Christian walk, and is passionate about others having the Word of God translated so that those without a Bible gain one.

Who Can Attend a #writetheword event?

Anyone. The ability to read and write is helpful.

What supplies does the host(ess) need to provide?

A place to sit and a calm atmosphere are always appreciated.

Bonus items would include:

- an assortment of pens, paper, spare Bibles
- beverages and snacks
- worship music

If people are currently using a journal to #writetheword, then by all means have Writers continue their journey in the journal they brought with them.



Writing the Word into an antique journal. . .



Church friends gather for a night of fellowship and watch a short video titled “Something’s Missing.”



#writetheword Agenda

1. Welcome Writers.
2. Encourage Writers to chat about what Bible they use, their first Bible, or how Scripture has impacted their life.
3. If this is the first time a Writer has encountered #writetheword, have them pick out a journal and decide what book of the Bible to write.
4. Pray as a group
 - for God to bless your time together
 - for transformation
 - that the necessary work of Bible Translation would be accelerated through mission organizations such as *One Verse*.
5. Watch [Something's Missing](#) (<http://www.theseedcompany.org/video/somethings-missing>).
6. Discuss what life would be like if you didn't have a Bible you could read. This would also be a good time for those who have been regularly writing the Word of God to share how it has impacted their personal study of the Word of God.
7. As you continue discussing, begin #writingtheword. This is a casual night of fellowship. However, be prepared for holy silence.
8. Before Writers leave, share with them the **need** to sponsor Bible Translation both prayerfully and financially. Set a date to meet again and purpose to sponsor translating a book of the Bible through [One Verse](#) for \$26 each month as a group.



@YouVersion is a popular app to #writetheword.



Even young children can join the #writetheword community.

Journal Options:

- [Journibles](#) from Reformation Heritage Books (use coupon code JOURNIBLE to receive 10% off)
- [Moleskins](#) that you take the time to decorate at your #writetheword event
- Inexpensive lined notebooks at the Dollar Store

The journal isn't the focus. Writing the Word, awareness, and praying for the end of Bible poverty are the primary reasons you are gathering together.

Deuteronomy 17: 18,19

Writing the Word Leads to Life.

Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.



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For more suggestions regarding hosting a #writetheword event, contact Jodi McKenna at [thegranolamom4god \(at\) gmail \(dot\) com](mailto:thegranolamom4god@gmail.com), or visit www.granolamom4god.com and look for #writetheword. This document has been prepared to encourage individuals to raise awareness locally, amongst friends, in the hope that they might join together to help increase awareness about Bible Poverty and collectively sponsor Bible Translation.

Special thanks go to Jesus (of course), Traci Snider Veek from I'll Take Tea (for her inspiration), Johanna Fenton for her encouragement, the Engineer, and the sweet friends who gathered at our house for the first ever #writetheword party. May these parties bless Bible Translation and help individuals all over the globe grow in the knowledge of God.