

# Scripture InSight

Bible Society in Northern Ireland

**Scripture Reference:** Hebrews 4:12a

**Bible Translation:** New International Version

**For the Word of God is living and active.**



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## Reflections:

Being the bestselling book in the UK, with some 1.25 million copies of the Bible sold annually, the belief that the Bible is God's word and that he speaks through it even today is not widely held. To suggest that "the Word of God is living and active" is met by the majority with disbelief and by the growing number of militant atheists with cynicism, even outright aggression.

Having been brought up in a Christian home with weekly attendance at Church, Sunday School, and BB it wasn't until my early thirties that I could truly say God's Word came alive to me. It happened not during a "Gospel" service nor teaching from the more familiar New Testament passages but during an expositional series of preaching through the Book of Ecclesiastes. The "double edged sword" penetrated my heart and in a wonderful way the Word became alive, "living and active".

Christianity Explored, an expositional exploration of the Gospel of Mark, is a course that my wife and I have led many times over the past number of years and yes, how often have we seen the truth of this Scripture with enquirers being clearly convicted by the Word of God and coming to Faith, or given further understanding of Scripture and God's purposes or simply been encouraged in their faith by going over the foundational Gospel message.

Despite our world's scepticism and antipathy, I can testify to the truth that "the Word of God is living and active".