

WEEK 1: The Story of the Bible

INTRODUCTION

While most of us know some stories from the Bible, the story of the Bible is on a whole different level. For example, the story of the Bible does not begin in the book of Genesis even though that's what we see on page one. Today, we will jump in to our new series and discover where the whole story of the Bible began.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you hear the phrase 'once upon a time', what comes to your mind?
2. How were you first introduced to the Bible? When did you begin to have questions about the Bible and feel like the answers you were given were not that satisfying?
3. Before there were any books known as the "Gospels" there was a first century doctor who documented the life of Jesus. Read Luke 1:1-4. How does Luke describe his purpose in documenting the life of Jesus?
4. Some people abandon their faith because of something in the Bible. What is the "it" you or they no longer believe? Read John 20:30-31 to find out the only "it" that matters. How does John describe his purpose in writing his account of the life of Jesus?
5. What was the "turning point event" that these first historians all witnessed that compelled them to even write an account of the life of Jesus?
6. If Jesus had not been resurrected from the dead, in your opinion, would there have been any need to record the events of His life?

MOVING FORWARD

A prayer: "Dear God, help me to engage a fresh approach to the Bible this year, and discover answers to the things that have caused my faith to falter in the past."