

WEEK 3: The Bible—Points & Pitfalls

INTRODUCTION

“The Bible is a book for grown ups.” You may have been introduced to the Bible as a child, but have you considered lately how much your understanding of the Bible and its teachings has grown since you were a child? This week we want to engage the Bible in a fresh way as we consider how things like genre, context, and culture shape the way that we read the Bible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there anything about the Bible that you find frustrating or confusing?
2. Share with the group something that has stood out to you this week as you have read your Bible. What are you learning and how are you being challenged?
3. Read Deuteronomy 22:6-7 We are not under obligation to keep the civil and religious ritual *forms* of the laws in the old covenant since they have been fulfilled in Christ (he is our sacrifice). When we read “law” in the Bible, we’re often looking for timeless principles for us today. What can we gather from this particular passage? What can we learn about God, ourselves, and the world?
4. The Psalms speak for us and “give us a voice” in our walk with God. As a group, read a Psalm together. Your choice...maybe pick one that has some significance to someone (or go with Psalm 121 if you can’t decide ☺). Reflect out loud together on how you connect with that psalm.
5. Read Colossians 3:16 Paul paints a picture of the Word of God affecting our lives in a very real way. Speaking practically, how can you connect with the Word of God in a more life-giving way this week?

MOVING FORWARD

A prayer: “Dear God, help me to love and value your Word. May I feast on your Word this week like my very life depended on it. May I pray with David, ‘Teach me your ways O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.’”