



Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: THE BIBLE 10.28.2018

Recap:

- The Bible does contain apparent contradictions and errors from numbers that are reported or how an event was reported. These apparent contradictions and errors can be difficult for believers.
- The Bible is written by people who have a wide range of experiences interacting with God and one another. The Biblical writers are telling their story of faith, and sometimes these stories tell about different experiences. Just because we have different accounts of faith does not mean we should throw the whole Bible out the window.
- Instead, we should see the invitation of Jesus to share our story of faith as a blessing and an opportunity.
- Your experience with God makes you uniquely qualified to share what God has done in your life as you've given your life over to Him. Our stories are going to look very different as we grow and develop in our faith. That isn't necessarily a contradiction -- it just is an example of growth in relationship to God.

Discuss:

- If someone said to you "There are things that don't make sense in the Bible", how would you respond? What approach would you take with that person?
- READ Luke 24:44-49
- The line "so they could understand the Scripture" implies that the disciples had trouble understanding Scripture. What do you think this implies? What do you think of the disciples having trouble understanding the Bible? Is it encouraging? Disheartening? Realistic?
- At several points in the four Gospels, Jesus either quotes or references Old Testament passages. In this passage from Luke, what view do you think Jesus takes on Scripture?
- Jesus says that what should be preached is that the Messiah suffered and the "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Why do you think this is the message that should be preached? What is important about this message? When you think about how you speak to others about Jesus and Christianity, what is the message that you discuss?
- READ 1 Peter 3:15
- Why do you think the phrase "with gentleness and respect" is important for sharing the message of Jesus and the forgiveness of sins?
- Do you consider yourself to be a person who is prepared to give an answer? Thinking about the message from the sermon as a whole, how do you think Jesus would respond to criticism about Scripture?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about Spreading the Good News

- Psalm 96
- Matthew 10
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5