

The Bible for Grown-Ups



SERMON DISCUSSION WEEK 3

Quotable Moments:

- If you don't understand how we got the Bible, you'll misunderstand what's in the Bible.
- If you don't know the story of the Bible, it's easy to dismiss the stories in the Bible.

Key Things You Heard:

- When the Gentiles became interested in a particular Jew, they became interested in the sacred texts of the Jews.
- Moses introduces us to God as Creator and God as Founder.
- The Sinai Covenant is a moral and civil code that when understood in its ancient context is brilliant! The protections this covenant afforded to the vulnerable were revolutionary in ancient times.
- God walks into the mess and plays by the rules of the kingdoms of this world in order to usher in a kingdom, not of this world.

Pray: God, thank you for walking into the mess of this world in order to usher in a kingdom, not of this world. Help me to follow you more closely as I apply your Word to my life. Thank you for offering me the adoption to sonship. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Continue the 21 Day Book of John Reading Plan.
- Memorize Galatians 4:4-5
- Register for Theopraxis 3-hour workshop on April 2.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: What is your favorite book or movie? Summarize the storyline in one sentence. (Optional: Use as Story Cards exercise)

- How does moral and civil code impact a culture? Ask someone who has visited another country or culture to describe the moral or civil code there.
- How did the Sinai Covenant written by Moses cause the Jewish people to be distinctive from the surrounding nations?
- Read Galatians 4:4-5. What does "under the law" mean? Why is that phrase used twice and why is it important? How does the word "adoption" communicate a new relationship and status?
- Read the last statement under "Key Things you Heard" on the left and compare it to Galatians 4:4-5. How does this summarize the Story of the Bible? Is there anything you would add to this statement?
- What does the phrase "when the set time had come" reveal about God's character? What confidence does that give you today that you can trust God's purpose and plan?
- How is this series affecting your perspective of the Bible? How is it impacting the way you read and study the Bible? What is God saying to you as you spend time with Him?