

# The Bible for Grown-Ups



## SERMON DISCUSSION WEEK 4

### 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:

- The apostle Paul explains the relationship between the Jewish Scriptures and what Jesus did.
- Apostle Paul advice #1: Read the Old Testament for information and inspiration, but not for application.
- Apostle Paul advice #2: Take your application cue from Jesus' new covenant command for you.
- Christianity was created by an event that launched a movement that produced documents that were collected and protected and eventually bound together in a book.

**Pray:** God, thank you for preserving your Word to us in the Bible. Thank you for those who were inspired by you to write these documents to help us. Help me to follow you more closely as I apply your Word to my life. Thank you again for the gracious gift of salvation and a personal relationship with the Jesus of the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Moving Forward:

- Consider having communion together as a group.
- Finish the 21 Day Book of John Reading Plan.
- Memorize John 13:34-35.
- Make plans to attend Theopraxis 3-hour workshop on April 2.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to [rivertown.cc](http://rivertown.cc) or the RCC App.

### Questions for Group Discussion:

**First Minutes:** How has this series helped you? What is your biggest takeaway?

- Encourage a few people to share their decision to follow Jesus and receive the gift of salvation.
- Why is the Apostle Paul such an important part of our Bible? How would you describe him to someone who doesn't know his story?
- Read John 13:34-35. How does this command raise the standard from the 10 Commandments in the Old Testament?
- Read Ephesians 5:21. In which relationships do you struggle with submission?
- Read Ephesians 4:32. What is the reason given that we should be kind, compassionate and forgiving?
- How would you respond to this question? "Am I at peace with the God who came to earth to die and rose again to pay the penalty for my sins so that I can have a relationship with Him?" Why is that question more important than being at peace with everything in the Bible? Talk about how Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, or Paul would answer this question?
- In your group prayer time, thank God for the gift of God's Word, the Bible, to us. Express specific gratitude for what it means to you.