

The Bible for Grown-Ups



SERMON DISCUSSION WEEK 1

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:

- Luke was a first century doctor and wrote the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles as letters to his friend, Theophilus.
- Luke documented the life of Jesus because the story of Jesus didn't end on a Roman cross. He wrote it because the resurrection was an extraordinary event that happened.
- The only reason we have these documents today is because the early Christians believed so strongly in the validity and reliability of these accounts of what happened when Jesus was on this earth.

Pray: God, thank you for preserving your Word to us in the Bible. I understand it contains your story of revealing Yourself to man, and pointing us to Jesus as Savior. Help me to follow you more closely as I apply your Word to my life. Thank you again for the Story of the Bible.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Start the 21 Day Book of John Reading Plan.
- Memorize John 20:31
- 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 was the first Bible you remember receiving? What did it look like? How was that Bible given to you?

- Who were the four Gospels written by? What does that tell us about the authenticity and accuracy of Jesus' life and ministry?
- Read Luke 1:1. Why do you think there were four different accounts of Jesus' life included in our Bible?
- Read Luke 1:2-4. How does Luke communicate the intentionality and order with which he wrote his account? Knowing this was an educated medical doctor writing to a high ranking government official, how does that increase your confidence in it's integrity?
- Read John 20:30-31. Imagine John's dilemma of what stories to include. From verse 31, what was his stated reason for writing what he did? Have several people speak this verse aloud to convey his emotion and passion.
- How has your understanding of and confidence in the Bible changed as a result of what you have learned? What is your plan to read through one of the Gospels this month? Consider doing a reading plan together as a group.