

When Everything is Unravelling

The Bible is a Tough Read

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERMON SUMMARY

The Bible, inspired as God's Word, is a trustworthy guide that shapes our worldview and reveals Jesus, equipping us to live out His love despite apparent contradictions or doubts. By embracing its authority, we find a lens to navigate life's challenges with faith and humility.

KEY VERSES

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

SERMON NOTES

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1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How does believing the Bible is "inspired/God-breathed" change the way you read or apply it in daily life?
2. What does it mean for you to treat the Bible as authoritative in a world with competing voices (e.g., media, culture, other religions)?
3. A worldview is the set of beliefs, values, and assumptions through which a person interprets reality, answering fundamental questions about God, humanity, purpose, and morality. How has the Bible shaped your worldview?
4. What is one area (e.g., relationships, work, sex) where you struggle to follow the teachings and worldview of the Bible over other influences?
5. The Bible teaches that humans are created in God's image (*imago Dei*), designed for relationship with Him, others, and creation (Gen 1:26-27), yet fallen due to sin, resulting in a broken, rebellious nature (Rom 3:23). Do you struggle to embrace this view of what it means to be human?
6. Share a time when a Bible verse guided a decision or action (e.g., forgiving someone, making a tough choice).
7. What happens to you when you make reading the Bible a daily practice? (Read Romans 12:2 for one idea)
8. Read Matthew 4:4. How can you make reading the Bible a daily habit?

PRAYER EXERCISE

Have each group member choose a favorite verse or one from the discussion. Go around the circle, with each person praying a one-sentence prayer of gratitude, e.g., "God, thank You for inspiring Psalm 23 to comfort me in tough times."

Close with a leader praying for ongoing engagement with Scripture.