

Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of March 14-15, 2020

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

Trusting the Story

Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor

Icebreaker

In what ways do you engage with the Bible today?
How has this varied through your faith walk?

Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Matthew 5:17-18 in a couple different translations.

What strikes you, intrigues you, or uniquely speaks to you from these verses – words, phrases, human interactions, or perhaps something else – especially in conjunction with the focus of this week's message?

What stood out to you from the message this weekend, or maybe created some push-back or inner tensions for you?

As Pastor Alan stated, "Jesus loved the Bible. He quoted it. He memorized it. He based His teaching on it. He leaned on it in times of difficulty. He trusted it."

How does this influence your own perspective on Scripture?

Are there portions of Scripture that you personally wrestle with? If so, share what the struggle is.

What has that experience been like for you?

Have you been afraid to admit or explore it?

Has it impacted your relationship with God? If so, how?

Are you working through those challenges? If so, how?

How would you summarize the story of the Bible?

Pastor Alan talked about how important it is to know the full story in order to **normalize our confusion**.

Can you share a time when something in the Bible you were struggling to understand became very clear to you after encountering the bigger picture?

Pastor Alan also spoke about how the larger story of the Bible **inspires hope** in the midst of our experience of suffering.

How have you experienced this reality?

If members of the group have shared some challenges they are currently working through in engaging with the Word, take some time to pray into this.

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