

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Year of the Bible

Big Idea

For too long, we have often treated the Word of God just like another app on our phone, or an extra part of our life. During this week's message, Pastor Matt showed us how the Holy Bible is vital for our lives. He even let us know that in 2022, we are going to put an emphasis on reading God's Word (the Holy Bible). We need a different approach when we sit down to read the Bible, because when we read it, the presence of God fills the atmosphere.

These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word. Isaiah 66:2b (NIV)

We must realize that the Bible is the **breath of God**, giving us oxygen in an environment that we were never meant for. It's also **alive and active**, still fighting to bring people into a relationship with Christ. When we read it, we must constantly look for the **story about Jesus**, so that we can further our relationship with Him. It is also a **light in the darkness**, lighting a path, when we can't find our way. The challenge is to start reading God's Word for yourself, consistently, so that you can reap the benefits of what it truly is.

Discussion Questions

1. What were you taught about the Bible growing up? How did that shape your current approach to reading God's Word?
2. How often do you currently read the Bible? Is there anything about your routine you would like to change to enhance your understanding of God's Word? What do you need to do in order to prioritize your "five"?
3. How have you experienced the Word of God being alive and active?
4. How does viewing the Bible as a story about Jesus change your perspective about God's Word?
5. How do you feel about 2022 being "the year of the Bible"? Do you plan to read the Bible with Rescue House next year?

Prayer Focus

This week's prayer focus is to let God's Word begin to illuminate in your life. Reading the Word with the Holy Spirit, will give you a greater revelation of who Jesus is. Pray for a greater hunger to read and understand His Word.

Next Steps

Have you ever wondered why you are on this planet? Find out who God has made you to be at The Weekender, this November 5th-6th. You can sign up to serve on the Rescue House app, from rescuehousechurch.org or at the Next Steps Center in our atrium.

Bible References

2 Timothy 3:14-15, Nehemiah 8:2-6, Isaiah 66:2, 2 Timothy 3:6-7, Hebrews 4:12-13, Isaiah 40:8, John 1:14, Psalm 119:105