The Bible from 30,000 Feet

Big Idea

The Holy Bible continues, although written over 1600 years by 40 different authors, speaks of one singular message. And that message is Jesus. We all want to have a greater understanding of God, and we find it in His Word.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.... - Colossians 3:16

In order to let the Word dwell in you, we first must begin with a **translation** that we can understand. There are different types of translations (formal equivalence, functional equivalence, and paraphrase), but the the best one is the one that you can understand the best. Then, we need to study the Bible, with the help of a **Study Bible**. And studying the Bible cannot just exist alone, but also through a **small group**, to help one another understand the Word. The whole story points to Jesus; and our goal is to see Jesus throughout it all.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What kind of Bible do you currently use?
- 2. After listening to this message, is there another kind Bible you'd like to get, to use as an additional resource?
- 3. What did you learn about the Bible in this message?
- 4. What is your next step in your pursuit of God's Word?
- 5. How can you get the Bible to dwell in you more richly?

Prayer Focus

Father, give us a greater desire to know you more, through your Word. May we understand and study it with godly community. Help us to lean in more and more to the things that you want to speak to us. And show us how it all points to Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Steps

On the Sundays nights of February 20th, 27th, and March 6th, from 6-7pm, we are having our first Equip Seminar of the year, called "How to Read Your Bible." So many people ask us, where do I start, how do I understand this, what is the Bible telling me to do?...So for 3 nights, Megan Wright, author and writer of several Bible Reading Plans for the YouVersion Bible app, and Chris Holbrook, Discipleship Pastor, are going to teach you about the Bible. There will be childcare for your kids, so we have you covered. Go ahead and register through the Rescue House App for this free event.

Bible References

Colossians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 5:39