

Group Questions – *Is scripture relevant for me*

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- To you what is the most overrated “fast food” restaurant?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What’s something from tonight’s teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Pastor Kirby said... “Words do not have meaning in isolation.” And then talked about the word “Family”.
- Briefly describe what the word “Family” means to you. Using some of the ideas we talked about tonight.
- What is your understanding and relationship to scripture? Can you be honest? Is it a source of authority for you? Can you trust it? If you said yes...Why and in what ways? If you said no...why? What about it makes that difficult?
- Pastor Kirby read this quote... “My point...is not that those ancient people told literal stories and we are now smart enough to take them symbolically, but that they told them symbolically and we are now dumb enough to take them literally”
- How do you respond, think, feel about this quote?
- Interpersonal communication and communication between us and God have barriers. What do you identify as some of these barriers between each other and then also with God? Why?
- Pastor Kirby said “Scripture was never written to us; but Scripture was written for us”
- What do you make of this idea?
- **READ: 2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- What word or phrase stands out to you?
- How do you interpret this passage? Why?
- We got 4 ways in which God is known/revealed “scripture, reason, tradition & experience”
- In what ways do we see God expressed in these areas?
- In what ways can it be detrimental to faith to focus only on one or two of these?
- In what ways can it be beneficial to use all four areas to know and understand God?

Application Questions:

- If you don’t believe the bible to be trustworthy or relevant, why? What do you need in order to believe it?
- If you do believe, how can you deepen your faith by understanding deeper context?

Additional Resources:

- How to Choose a Translation for All Its Worth: A Guide to Understanding and Using Bible Versions – Gordon D. Fee
- How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth – Gordon D. Fee
- Book referenced: Who Is Jesus? Answers to Your Questions About the Historical Jesus - John Dominic Crossan and Richard G. Watts