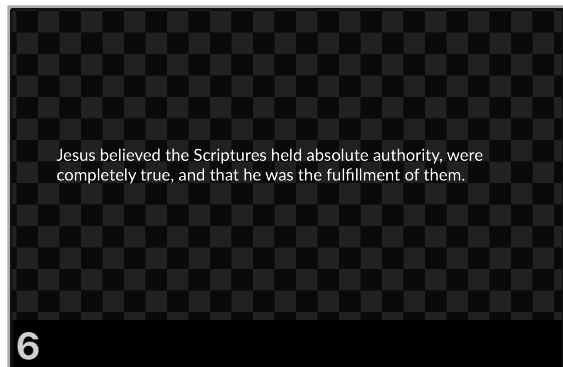
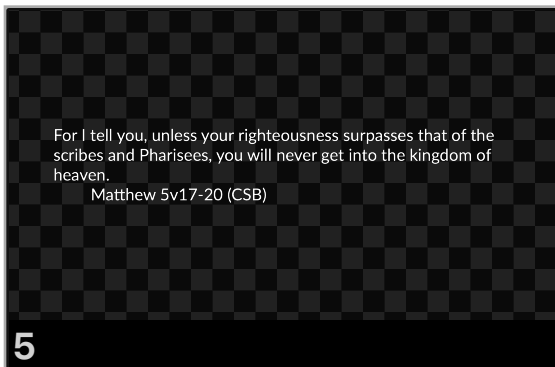
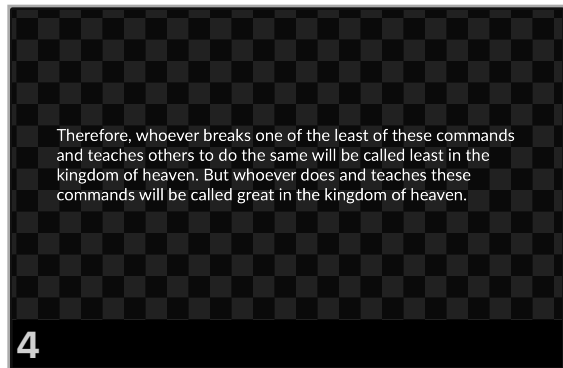
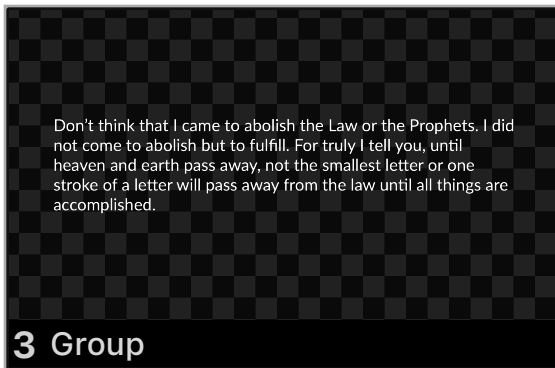
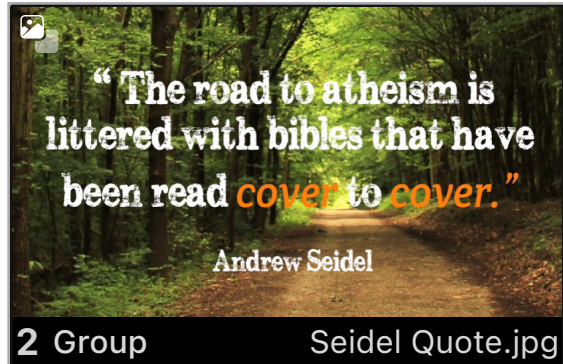
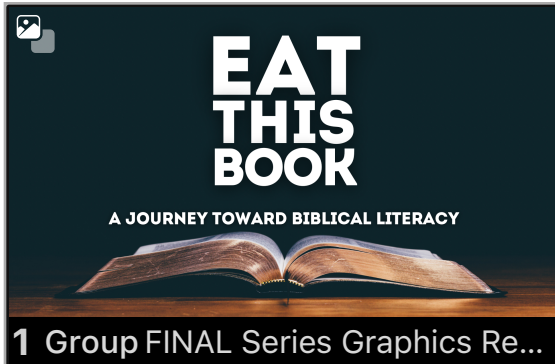


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As disciples of Jesus, we can trust the Bible because he trusted the Bible.

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Jesus' reading of the Bible challenges our reading of the Bible and our heart's approach to the Bible, which ultimately exposes our understanding of the nature and purpose of the Bible, and if we really trust the Scriptures.

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"These are words intended, whether confrontationally or obliquely, to get inside us, to deal with our souls, to form a life that is congruent with the world that God has created, the salvation that he has enacted, and the community that he has gathered.

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There is only one way of reading that is congruent with our Holy Scriptures, writing that trusts in the power of words to penetrate our lives and create truth, beauty, and goodness... reading that enters our souls as food enters our stomachs, spreads through our blood, and becomes holiness and love and wisdom."

Eugene Peterson

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The Bible is God's revelation of himself to us so that we might know him and be conformed to the image of Jesus.

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The goal as Christians when it comes to the Bible isn't to master the Scriptures, it's to allow the Scriptures to master us.

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But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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"The chief purpose of the Bible is to foster loving relationships with God and other people."

Ray Lubeck

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All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3v14-17 (CSB)

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"Christians feed on Scripture. Holy Scripture nurtures the holy community as food nurtures the human body. Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son.

Eugene Peterson

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"For believers to 'follow Jesus' implies, among other things, adopting the same attitude toward God's Word as Jesus had."

Ray Lubeck

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What do you believe Jesus might be inviting you to reassess when it comes to your trust in the Bible?

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