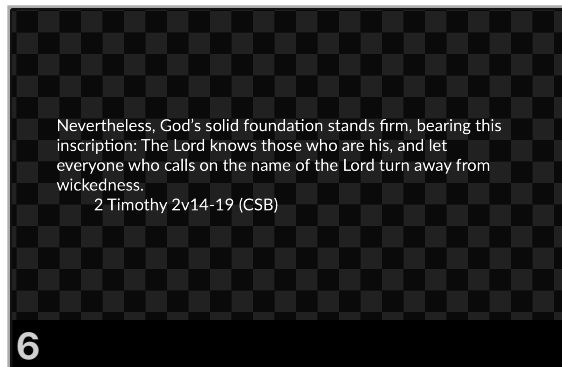
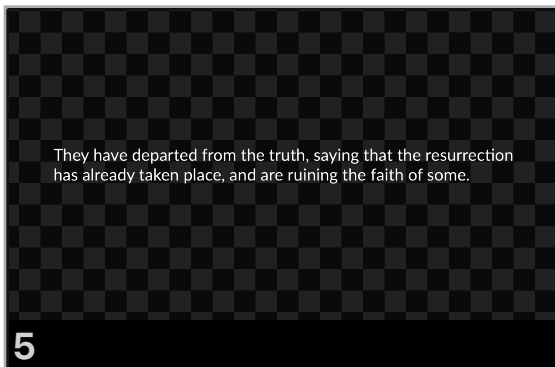
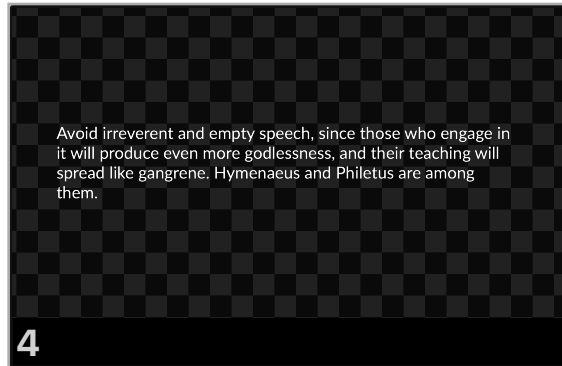
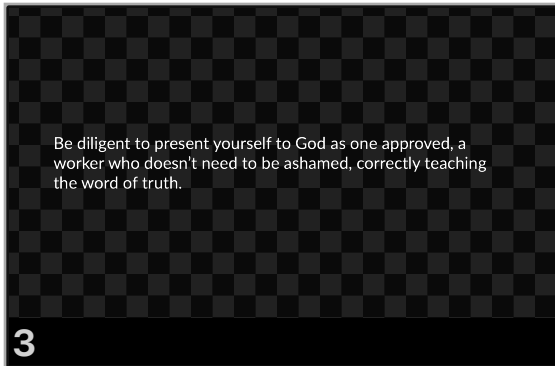
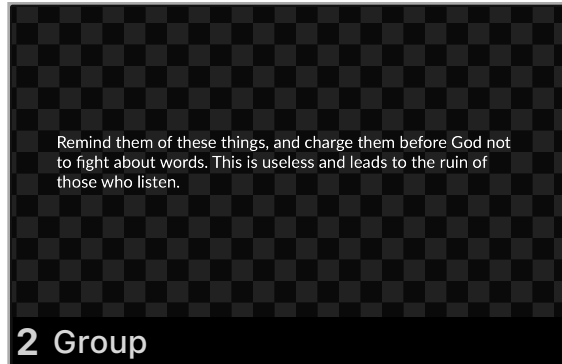
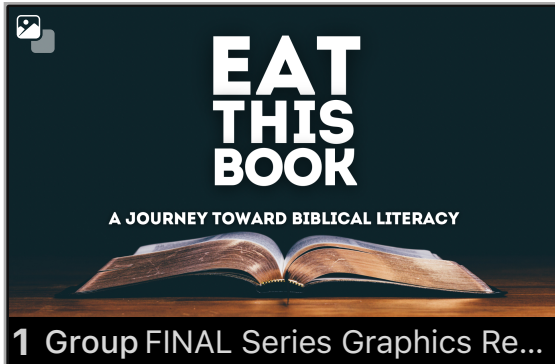


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The transformation of your own life, will show others the truth of the gospel at work in your mind, heart, and actions.

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Learning to read the Bible well and live its truth is a fundamental way God forms us into the image of Jesus.

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Your paradigm of what the Bible is *for* and what it *does*, impacts your *approach* to the Bible.

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Principle #1: The Bible is a library, not a single book.

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Some attributes of the Bible:
Divine and Human
Unified
Messianic Literature
Meditation Literature

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Principle #2: The Bible was written *for* us, not *to* us.

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"We believe the Bible was written for us, that it's for everyone of all times and places because it's God's Word. But it wasn't written to us. It wasn't written in our language, it wasn't written with our culture in mind or our culture in view."
Dr. John Walton

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To understand the truth being communicated, we must seek to understand the *authorial intent* of the passage being read.

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Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. He speaks about these things in all his letters. There are some things hard to understand in them. The untaught and unstable will twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures.
2 Peter 3v15-16 (CSB)

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Principle #3: Never read a Bible verse.

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"I read the paragraph, not just the verse. I take stock of the relevant material above and below. Since the context frames the verse and gives it specific meaning, I let it tell me what's going on."
Greg Koukl

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Read a specific Bible verse
Read the paragraph or pericope it is located in
Consider the chapter or chapters it's between
Pay attention to the book of the Bible that it is in
Look at where the book of the Bible fits within the Bible's overall story line

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"Once you have a basic understanding of the storyline, everything changes. You see how books of the Bible library fit into the whole. Whenever you open the Bible, you are opening it to a point in this storyline. So when you read a crazy-sounding Bible verse, know that it fits somewhere in the storyline. That is the key to understanding it."
Dan Kimball

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Principle #4: All the Bible point to Jesus as a unified story.

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Learning to read and live the Bible well is a primary way God forms us into the image of Jesus.

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Practice - Study the Scriptures
What does it say?
What does it mean?
What truths is it teaching?
How do I respond?

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Learning to read the Bible well and live its truth is a
fundamental way God forms us into the image of Jesus.