

The B-I-B-L-E

Week one - One Story, Many Parts

Luke 24:27,44-47 and 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Bottom line: Engaging the Bible is about seeing the **big story** and discovering that it's **our story** because **Jesus** made it so.

- 1. What has been your experience of learning, or being taught, the Bible throughout your life?
- 2. What, if anything, intimidates you about reading the Bible?
- 3. The Bible Project talks about three unhelpful paradigms to lead with in approaching the Bible theology dictionary, moral handbook, devotional grab bag. How do you relate to any of those in terms of ways you may have approached the Bible, ways you were taught to approach the Bible, or ways you've experienced others approach the Bible?
- 4. Read Luke 24:27-47
 - a. The men who were walking with Jesus had likely grown up learning the "Holy Scriptures" (meaning the Law and the prophets). What did Jesus help them understand about them that they had never grasped before?
 - b. Why do we need the Holy Spirit to open our minds to help us understand the Bible?
 - c. How do the Old Testament stories change when we read them in light of what we know about Jesus?
- 5. Tim Keller says, "The Bible isn't a bunch of stories about how we get to God. It's one big story about God coming after us." How does that idea change your understanding of the Bible?
- 6. What would it look like for you to approach the Bible with less of a need to "figure it out" and more as an opportunity to wonder?

Check out the BibleProject and four videos they made on "How to Read the Bible" https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/how-to-read-bible-introduction/

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