

The Holy Bible - Part 4 “The Big Picture”

Overview

In this message, Pastor Ryan gave us practical instruction to help us engage with God’s Word and get its truth to saturate our lives:

1. Get a Bible.

There are many options, so you can choose the one you like best.

- Word-for-word translations (e.g. KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV)
- Thought-for-thought translations (NLT, Good News, TEV)
- Paraphrases (The Living Bible and The Message)
- Pastor Ryan most recommends the NIV, because it is both word-for-word AND thought-for-thought.

2. Get in a Life Group.

Discussing the Bible with others helps us get the Word more deeply in our hearts.

If we do these two things and engage with God’s Word daily, we will experience growth. Our lives will be changed by the Word.

Note: In the second half of this message, Pastor Ryan taught many specifics about the Bible to help us better understand it. Be sure to watch the full message in order to get the most out of this study.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord’s word is **flawless**;
he shields all who take **refuge in him**.
Psalms 18

Discussion

1. What kind of Bible do you currently use? After listening to this message, is there another kind of Bible translation you’d like to get to use as an additional resource?

2. What is one new thing you learned about the Bible in this message?

3. Look up the following passages and answer the corresponding questions.

- John 5:39 - According to Jesus, who or what is the subject of the Bible?
- John 3:16 - According to Jesus, what verb is used to describe God’s love for us?
- 1 John 3:16 - According to this verse, what is our proper response to God giving Jesus to us?

4. What is your next step in your pursuit of God’s Word? How can you increase your understanding of the Bible and live more richly?

Prayer

Father, thank You for allowing us to have access to so many incredible translations of the Bible. As we read it daily, make the truth of Your Word dwell in us richly. Help us live according to Your Word in every area of our lives. As we read the Bible and our understanding of the love You gave us deepens, help us give that love to everyone around us. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.