

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
January 28, 2018



It is Written – Week 3

BIBLE IN A YEAR READING (SPEND 10-15 MINUTES HERE):

Spend a little time at the beginning of each week to talk through the “Bible in a Year” reading plan. Use this as a time to encourage, discuss, and apply what we’ve read together this week since our group last met. Give people an opportunity to share around these 3 general questions:

1. What passage(s) did God use this week to help you grow?
2. What passage(s) did you have challenges with? Why?
3. What passage(s) did you not understand?

Encourage your group members to dive into study and research when they come across passages that they don’t agree with or don’t understand. There are some great resources online. Here are a few to share:

<http://blueletterbible.org/> - Tons of biblical study resources available

For the Love of God – Vol 1 & 2 – Daily reading commentary (attached to e-mail)

INTRO:

Peter shared some history about the process of how the bible came into existence and how it was copied and passed down. Have you ever thought about where the bible came from? How did you think that the bible came into existence? Share with the group your thoughts on the origins and communication of the bible before this week’s message.

DIVE IN:

1. How does knowing some background on the origins and preservation of the bible help your faith?
2. God has Moses write down some events in Exodus 17 that become scripture. Later he has the people celebrate a meal to remember the Passover events. What do you do to commemorate and remember things that are important in your life story?

Read together Exodus 19:1-5

3. Peter gave a simple definition of Priest as “a go between from God to men” - do you see yourself as a Priest? What does that look like in your life?
4. As you read through the story of Moses and God on Mt. Sinai, we can get bogged down in the details and the rules that are the terms of the “covenant relationship” from God. It seems like a lot of rules. Why were these important to God? Why are they important to the Israelites? Why are they important to you?

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5. We still have a covenant relationship with God through Jesus. How would you describe that covenant in your life?
6. As Peter said, often times we need to continually reshape and resubmit ourselves under the covenant relationship we have. How do you regularly do this in your life?
7. When you take communion, what is your thought process? What significance does it have for you in your faith and covenant relationship with God?
8. Over and over again God calls his people to do things to actively remind them of His goodness and His story – write it down, eat a meal, stack up rocks, etc... What do you do to actively remind yourself of God's story in your life?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?