

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
January 21, 2018



It is Written – Week 1 & 2

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:

This series is all about the bible on a big picture perspective. Where did it come from, what is it, why’s it important, how does it apply to our lives, etc... How much of the bible have you read? What emotional responses do you have in the idea of reading the bible in a year together?

DIVE IN - WEEK 1 – THE PROBLEM WITH THE BIBLE:

1. Growing up, which side of the aisle you were on when it comes to the Bible? YES, I believe it and it’s the truth or NO, that’s hard and makes me cringe, or maybe somewhere in the middle? Where are you at now?
2. Thomas Jefferson edited his bible to take out the things he didn’t like or didn’t understand. We’ve all do that in some way though, right? Share what parts of the Bible you struggle or have problems with and why?
3. Pastor Matt said, “Maybe the problem with the bible is...YOU and ME.” How do you respond to that? In what ways do you bring challenges to the bible?
4. The challenge for the message was seeing Jesus on every page of scripture we read. How do you actively keep Jesus front and center in your mind as you read the bible?

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DIVE IN - WEEK 2 – THE REASON FOR THE BIBLE:

5. When you read the bible, do you read it to try to understand yourself more or God more?
6. Rebuke and correction. Pastor Paul shared that through the Bible, God will speak to you in a gentle or sometimes not so gentle tone. Describe a time when you read the Bible and God immediately spoke and gently rebuked and corrected you? How did you respond? What did you do about it?
7. The statement was made “The Bible is the first 4 acts and we live out Act 5. In a shortened version of your story describe how you are living your “Act 5” out considering the continuing story of God’s narrative.
8. How do you switch reading the Bible from being informational to formational?
9. Eugene Peterson said this “What He (God) insisted upon supremely was that we do not read the Bible in order to find out how to get God into our lives, to get Him to participate in our lives. That’s getting it backwards.” What have you gotten backwards in your walk with God and your approach to the Bible?
10. Pastor Paul gave examples of stories he would share if someone asked him what Farrah was like. Here’s the question. What God is like? Share a personal story about what God is like.

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?