

Blue Parakeet Discussion Questions

Pre-amble Questions

1. Overall impressions of the book (rate 1-10)?
2. What were some of the things you most appreciated? Feel free to share a quote.
3. What was something you struggled or disagreed with? Feel free to share a quote.

Chapter 1

4. Do you agree that we all "pick and choose"/ adopt and adapt the Bible to our culture?

Chapter 2

5. What is reading with tradition? Why does Scot call it the third way? How do we do it? What are the dangers?

Chapter 3

6. How does Scot describe reading the Bible as story? How would you?
7. Let's describe and discuss the five shortcuts Scot sees? What are the problems with each one?
 1. Morsels of Law
 2. Morsels of Blessing and promises
 3. Mirrors and inkblots
 4. Puzzling together the pieces to map God's mind
 5. Maestros

Chapter 4

8. What did you learn from the story of Tyndale?

Chapter 5

9. What does Scot say is the important thing for us to understand about the story of creation in Genesis 1 and 2?
10. What four relationships were "cracked" when Adam and Eve disobeyed in Genesis 3?

Chapter 6

11. What's the difference between a relationship with the Bible and a relationship with the God of the Bible?
12. Discuss the five ideas Scot gives about the relational approach to the Bible:
 1. God does not equal the Bible

2. The Bible is God's communication addressed to God's people.
3. We are to listen
4. We are in a Big Conversation
5. We are in relationship with God when we listen to his communication.

Chapter 7

13. Why is having the right view of the Bible (inspiration, etc.) not the point of the Bible?

Chapter 8

14. What's the "so that" of the Bible story? How do we see this in 2 Tim. 3:14-17?

Chapter 9

15. What boxes (1-10) did you check as commands we should observe?
16. Does it bother you to "pick and choose" what you apply from the Bible? What's the only other option?

Chapter 10

17. Why does Scot think it is important to understand diversity in the church when we are discussing discernment?
18. Is there any way to avoid the messiness of discernment?

Chapter 11

19. What was the prevailing view of women in the Old Testament? How about in the New Testament? Do you agree that the Church has fossilized this tradition?

Chapter 12

20. Scot labels two kinds of passages/stories in the Bible—what do they mean?
 1. Wdwd
 2. WKSP

Chapter 13

20. How do you feel about this case study so far? Worried? Relieved? Something else?

Chapter 14

21. What is the significance of Pentecost? Acts 2:16-18. How does limiting women's role contradict the direction of the Bible's plot?

Chapter 15

22. What conclusion does Scot draw on page 202? Do you come to the same one?

Now What?

23. In what way has this study helped, changed, or hindered how you will read the Bible from now on? Where are you on the water slide?