

THE BIBLE

WORSHIP - Worship God because He has revealed Himself through His Word the Bible.

WELCOME - What was your favorite movie or storybook growing up and why?

WORD - Read 2 Tim 3:10-17]

(According to Paul the Bible is inspired by God, and its purpose is to direct ones life to Jesus and to equip God's people for good works.)

1. Was this the view you had of the Bible growing up? And if not, what was your view of the Bible?

(Reading the Bible can be difficult at times, and often we develop short-cuts to reading it. Often we read the Bible as

1. Promise & Blessing
2. Puzzle
3. Food Network "aka WWJD reading"
4. Law or Constitutional)

2. If any, which of these short-cuts did you develop growing up?

Did/does reading the Bible this way help develop your relationship with God or others?

(When one does the hard work of reading through the entire Bible, you find out that there is an overarching plan/plot and an unfolding story or narrative.

Act 1: Creation [Genesis 1-2]

Act 2: The Fall [Genesis 3-11]

Act 3: Israel [Genesis 12-Malachi]

Act 4: Jesus [The Gospels]

Act 5: The Church [Acts & Epistles]

Scene 1: The Early Church

Scene 2: __US__

Act 6: New Creation [Revelation]

3. Have you read the Bible all the way through? Which parts did you have the most trouble with and which parts did you like the best?

(Great stories have the ability to inspire us and pull us into them. God gives us a story so that we are intrigued and pulled into his plot. The beautiful thing about entering into God's story is that no matter what mistakes we have made in our own personal story he redeems it and uses it to further his plan.

WORKS - Prayer for each other to learn to read the Bible and apply it to their lives.

Think about this as you go. In what ways has God used your broken ness for good how has God's Word the Bible helped you in your journey?

In Act 5 Scene 2 we see that we have been invited by God to join Him in his story. What will your verse be?