

The Bible

Week 2: People Are the Crown of Creation

Group Time

Ice Breaker

Prayer

Worship

Introduction

The Bible reports that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again. Our study this week is founded on the essential, critically important point that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, his story never would have lasted 2,000 or more years but would have quickly disappeared. So, we are studying the “how” of the Bible: how it came to be written and how it survived, hopefully to better understand the “why” of the Bible: what it means to us, as the crown of God’s creation in the knowledge of Christ’s supernatural story.

Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17. **a.** What do these verses say about the letters and other writings that became the Bible we know today? **b.** Why would people like Timothy of Thebes and his bride in 304 AD be willing to be tortured and killed to protect the writings for us? **c.** Should we consider the verses in the Bible in the same fashion as when we read an op-ed (opinion piece) in the newspaper? Discuss.
2. In light of the sacred nature of the Bible, read John 1:1-5. Some people argue against the veracity of creationism, focusing on *how* things happened rather than on *who* made them happen. John 1:3 says unequivocally that “all things came into being through [God].” **a.** When you see a beautiful sunrise, sunset or other scenery, do you stay mindful that God created that beauty, and then give him praise and glory or do you just focus on the creation? Share. **b.** What is one action you can take to glorify God for his creation regularly?
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28. **a.** Not only did God create the world, he created us. What are your thoughts about being made in God’s image? **b.** Why do you think God created us? **c.** How can the knowledge of how the Bible came to us help our relationship with God?
4. Read Matthew 22:36-40 and Psalms 100. How should knowing that we are the crown of God’s creation affect our daily lives, specifically, in our relationships with other people and in our relationship with God?

Prayer/Ministry

Taking It Home

Going Deeper

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Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.”