



What is the Bible? | Doug Wekenman | 10.9.22

Weekly Study

SHARE

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- **What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday's sermon?**
- **What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?**

On Sunday, Doug started our brand new series "Word of God." In this series, we are going to ask and answer big questions about the Bible. As we lean into this new series, we pray that it intentionally equips you to experience everything God has waiting in the pages of His Word. By the end of this series, our hope is that we are not just going to know more about the Word of God, we are going to experience more of the power of the Word of God in our life.

GROW

Read John 1:1; 1:14, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 18:30; 119:105.

The Bible is the Story of God, it is real and relevant, it is not just for preachers, and it is not a buffet. The Bible isn't just a historical book, it is the Word of God, and it is the Story of God. As we learned this week, the Bible is filled with history, poems, music, letters, and prophecies as in one unified story of God the creator of it all. He created everything in perfect peace with himself and with each other until the brokenness of sin brought in a whole different narrative, one that would need to be redeemed by God and

through the perfect sacrifice of his son. God's story is filled with the *hesed* love, the "I'm not going anywhere" love. The love that is unbreakable, sacrificial, filled with forgiveness, adventure, and purpose. And we are invited into it all, and this changes everything.

- **Scripture is the greatest and most complex love stories humanity has ever known. Have you ever thought of the Bible this way before? Does knowing the Bible this way change the way you will approach reading it?**

Dive Deeper: Check out the *28-day devotional* that has been written as a resource to navigate through the new series, Word of God. You can find it on our Red Rocks Church app and website. Share with someone in your group this week something that God reveals to you or is teaching you through the devotional that week.

MOVE

Read Jeremiah 17:8; James 1:22; Isaiah 40:8.

Good foundations are made on good fundamentals. We are living in a quick-fix society where people often have not taken the time to cultivate deep soil and a willingness to let the Holy Spirit sanctify us, but when we do this, we position ourselves to have our lives be built on a firm foundation. The real fruit that everyone is looking for does not have a fast-forward button, but reading and speaking the Word of God over your life will eventually lead to the activation of those words and promises of God in your life. As we do this, we will be able to withstand the storms of life and attacks of the enemy and come out the other side unharmed.

- **Have you noticed that the closer you get to Jesus, the enemy comes at you that much stronger? Talk a bit more within your group about what this has looked like for you and your response to the enemy's tactics.**

This series is to help equip us to build our lives on the firm foundation of the Word of God and trust in the only Kingdom that is unshakeable. It's better than a quick fix and as it says in Scripture, we can plant ourselves next to the water and will not be able to see our roots dig deep and grow but we will soon see

the fruit that being rooted there will produce. If you let the Word of God, take deep root in your life, it will be the good and firm foundation on which you can build on with confidence and it will not wither when hard times come. It will bring light into the darkness, fresh water to our souls, salve to our wounds and brings redirection to our sinful hearts. It is that good!

- **What good foundations are you building in your life? How are you doing this?**
- **How have you experienced God through his Word in your life?**
- **When was the last time God disagreed with you on something? Would you be able to hear him if he was trying to? When was the last time you let His Word challenge you or confront you or redirect you?**

Dive Deeper: As you connect with God this week, check out the new *Discipleship Guide* that can be found on the RRC app or on the website as a resource to help take your faith journey a bit deeper:

redrockchurch.com/discipleshipguide

P R A Y

Take time to pray together over your arenas of influence this week and for courage to go and make God known.