



Discussion Questions So We're A *Bible* Church? Week 01

1. What is your history/story with the Bible? When did you first hear about it? From whom?
2. What were you told about it? When did you first read (any) of it? What did you think? Have you had significant questions about the Bible? Has the Bible impacted your life in any way?
3. Read **Matthew 4:1-11**
From this passage, what do we learn about how Jesus felt about the Bible?
4. Read **2 Peter 1:16-21**
Pastor Dave talked about how the Bible is both a human and divine library of books. What does it mean (& not mean) that the writers were "*carried along by the Holy Spirit*"?
5. Do you tend to read the Bible more literally – "God said it, I believe it, that settles it." Or, more metaphorically – "What this passage means to me is..."
6. This week, Pastor Dave mentioned that we should read the Bible "literarily." What does that mean & why is it important to read the Bible this way, to read it how it wants to be read?

7. How does reading the Bible as a story that unfolds instead of as an answer book of timeless truths change some of our difficulties with it?

8. Pastor Dave said on Sunday that the Bible is hard for us because it's "written for us, but not to us."
What does that mean? He also said that the Bible is more subversive & progressive than we realize. What are some examples of this?

9. What else from this week's message challenged, confused, encouraged, helped, frustrated, or empowered you?