

Discussion Questions So We're A *Bible* Church? Week 03

- 1. Today marks the end of our "So We're A Bible Church" series. What were some highlights for you during this sermon series, and how did they change, encourage, or empower you to engage with the scriptures differently?
- 2. Honest investigation vs. deconstruction. Christian deconstruction has been a movement within the Christian Church for years now. What are the pros and cons of deconstruction? How does asking honest questions in combination with good bible study and application help us reconstruct or construct a healthy understanding of the church and its calling to the world?
- 3. Read and reflect together on Psalm 1. What stood out to you in these 3 verses?

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

- 4. How has reading and meditating on the scriptures regularly and constantly affected you, and how do you engage with your community?
- 5. If you're not engaging with Scripture regularly, what keeps you from doing so, and what can you put into place so that you can dive into Scripture consistently? How can your community group give you accountability and support in this area?

- 6. How do you engage with Scripture communally other than on Sunday morning? Are you in a consistent small group? What are some of the barriers that keep you from engaging in the reading and application of scriptures in a communal way?
- 7. What role, if any, does prayer have in how you engage with Scripture? What does prayer, in combination with bible study, look like for you?
- 8. What else from this week's message challenged, confused, encouraged, helped, frustrated, or empowered you?
- 9. As you wrap up your time of sharing, please take time to pray for one another.

Bible Study Tools and Resources:

Get a bible; if you don't have one, reach out to the church, and we'll make sure you get one. There are digital versions, but there is nothing like a hard copy. Go the extra mile and get an NIV Study Bible. You can purchase them at any bookstore or on Amazon.

- 1. Read the Bible for Change: A Followers guide for reading and responding to the Bible, by Ray Lubeck.
- Bible Project is a locally based organization that works to help people experience the Bible as one unified story that leads to Jesus. There are free Bible classes, studies, podcasts, videos, and other tools on their <u>website</u> that have something to offer everyone, regardless of their knowledge or previous experience with the Bible.
- 3. 7 Steps to Studying the Bible: <u>Navigators</u>