

9.29.19 - Big Story of the Bible: How We Received the Bible - Christian

Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a **few** questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Goal: Looking at how we “pass on” the story.

This week’s statement:

- God has communicated to humanity throughout history; the written record is his words *intended* for all people at all times and in every place. This book, known as the Bible, is God’s story of who he is, what the world is, who humans are, and the ultimate purposes of history. It is the true and reliable story we trust with our lives.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon?
- Just for fun: What is something you like about fall?

Background / Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Exodus 13:8-9, 14

Mark 16:15

Colossians 3:16

1 Peter 3:15

Places in the bible where people share the “big story” with others

- Does anyone have any questions about these passages? Or observations that stand out to you immediately?

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- In these passages, what are some ways the Word of God is “passed on” to others?
- Do you notice a difference between the Old Testament and New Testament passages? (Ex: OT verses seem more personal, or within your own family vs. outward focus in NT) Why do you think there’s a difference?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- Based on these texts, how do you think God wants us to interact with his Word? (know it, remember it, share it, teach it, use it to bless others)
- Are there other verses that come to mind about how God encourages us to share the Big Story with others?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- What are some ways you feel most comfortable sharing God’s Word?

- What are some ways you feel uncomfortable with sharing God's Word? Do you sense a specific way that God wants to press you in sharing his word with someone, even though it makes you uncomfortable?

Bible Reading Plans (again):

- <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/>
- YouVersion app