



Session Three: How Jesus Viewed the Bible

Part of a four week group study to understand and enjoy the Word of God.

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In previous sessions we looked about what the Bible is and why we don't read it. But let's see how Jesus viewed the Bible. If we say we follow Jesus, we should know what that means. To follow Jesus means to follow *His* way, including his views and habits of Scripture.

Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:17–19

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

The resurrected Jesus leads a Bible study

story from Luke 24.13-27

verse 27: “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

The disciples' response:

Luke 24:32: They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Our posture towards the Bible

Questions

How does Jesus' view of the Scriptures affect your own?

How does Jesus' high view of the Old Testament strike you?

What are some problems with following Jesus, but setting aside His Word?

How would your life be different if you had the same posture as Jesus towards the Scriptures?

Where do you need prayer?

Sometimes we can have feelings of guilt or shame when it comes to reading (or not reading!) the Bible. Guilt and shame do motivate, but not from a good place, and often not for very long. Pray together that the desire and posture to learn more about God would come from a place of joy and delight.