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Go Deep
The Change Will Do You Good
What About the Bible?
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What kind of relationship should Christians have with the Bible?

How has your view of the Bible changed? Since childhood? Over the last few years? Has it changed? Maybe not?

What is your most pressing issue with or question about the Bible?

What does it mean to “take the Bible seriously but not literally”? How do you feel about that approach?

What is your response to this quote from To Kill a Mockingbird: “Sometimes the Bible in the hands of one man is worse than a whiskey bottle in the hands of another.”?

What negative things have happened based on people’s use of the Bible?

Do you think that words that you read in the Bible are exactly what God said?

Is there a difference between “truth” and “fact”?

Can truth be communicated through a medium that is not necessarily fact?

Some people call the Bible the “Word of God” while others say Jesus is the Word of God. What do you think? Dig way deep with John 1:1; Hebrews 4:12; 1 John 2:14; Revelation 19:13; John 5:39-40.

Think on this from C.S. Lewis: “It is Christ Himself, not the Bible, who is the true Word of God. The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to him. We must not use the Bible as sort of an encyclopedia out of which texts can be taken for use as weapons.”

How does Jesus being the “Word of God” affect your understanding and use of the Bible?

We talked about a “Jesus Hermeneutic” (a big word for the science or method of interpretation).

How is Jesus a “lens” through which we read the Bible?

What do we do when we read something in the Bible that doesn’t look like Jesus?

What does John 16:13 tell us about our source of knowledge?

Want to stretch your thinking? The Bible Tells Me So and How the Bible Actually Works by Pete Enns; What is the Bible by Rob Bell.