



## SERMON DISCUSSION PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

Scripture | Dave Cover | September 14, 2025

### Experiments Review

- How did it go? What was challenging?
- What did you learn? About yourself and about God?
- What would you like to incorporate into your life going forward?

### Sermon Discussion

1. Dave talked about the Bible being written over 1500 years by over 40 different authors and yet containing one coherent central story. His response was that the only way this would be possible is if the Bible were written by the Holy Spirit. *What has helped you trust that the Bible is God's word to us?*

### Read the following verses where Jesus tells us about how he views the Scripture.

Matthew 4:4

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

Matthew 22:29,31

*<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God...  
<sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you..." (Jesus goes on to quote Exodus 3:6)*

Matthew 5:17-18

*<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For 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."*

Luke 24:44-45

*<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."  
<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."*

John 6:63

*63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.*

2. What are some things you notice about how Jesus viewed the Bible?
3. How does knowing Jesus viewed the Bible this way help you?
4. If the Bible is God's voice speaking to us, what can keep us from experiencing that?
5. How can we read the Bible in a way that we do experience God?

### Sharing and Prayer

Lead the group into a time of prayer:

Lord, thank you that you have spoken to us through your word...(everyone add your own expressions of thanks)

Lord, we confess the ways we ignore, neglect, and allow ourselves to be distracted by your voice...(everyone silently confess)

Lord, give us humble hearts, self-discipline, and attentive ears that hear your speak in your word...(everyone add their own prayers for renewal).

We pray this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### What to practice for next time...

Week of Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Experiment #4: Scripture

Week of Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Experiment #5: Solitude and Silence

To access a digital copy of the experiments, use this QR code.

