

# Sermon Notes

June 25, 2017 -- 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Ask The Pastor Anything: How Do I Read the Bible?

How do we \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible?

- The Bible doesn't give all the detail we \_\_\_\_\_, but gives us the detail we \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible's primary goal is for us is:

- for us to \_\_\_\_\_ God and God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us,
- and to \_\_\_\_\_ us how to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

Today's Questions:

1. How do we read the Bible taking out the time period context (slavery) and know which is historical and which are timeless?
  - Scripture is clear that God is the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday, today and forever... God does not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Understand the historical \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible.
  - Keep scripture in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How does Evolution (apes) gradually turning into man, and God creating Adam and Eve, in conflict or somehow work together?
  - The Bible states the most \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of the Biblical creation story is that \_\_\_\_\_ created.
  - My questions on the Big Bang and Evolution:
    - Who \_\_\_\_\_ the material that exploded?
    - Where are the in-between \_\_\_\_\_ today?
  - The Theory of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ comes closest to creationism.

## **We are purified**

### **MONDAY – 1 Peter 1:22-25**

Peter reminds us of a resurrected Jesus and an inheritance that cannot spoil. He tells us to be holy in all we do.

- What are we to obey? We've been born again through what?
- What are people compared to? What stands forever? What should we keep close to us and trust in as our source of knowledge?

## **In Temptation, lean on the Word**

### **TUESDAY – Matthew 4:1-10**

Jesus enters into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil before he enters into his ministry. Notice how Jesus is tempted and what Jesus uses to respond.

- In each encounter, what three words does Jesus repeat? What is Jesus referring to having been written (see his first answer to the Devil)?
- If Jesus refers back to the written word of God when he is tempted, what does that imply we should do when tempted? What verse do you often use?

## **Living the Pure Life**

### **WEDNESDAY – Psalm 119:13-19**

This Psalm is the longest Psalm or chapter in the Bible. It uses the Hebrew alphabet to begin each section, and this Psalm focuses on following God.

- What does the psalmist say helps people live a pure life? When should you start? Is there ever a point where you think it's too late to start?
- What's the purpose to hiding God's word? How do you delight in the word?

## **Jesus' prayer for you.**

### **THURSDAY – John 17:13-19**

In this section, Jesus prays for himself, for his disciples and for all believers everywhere. I encourage you to read the whole prayer sometime today.

- What did Jesus give to the disciples (vs14) & what did they experience?
- Sanctify is a type of spiritual cleansing to move one toward holiness. What is it that Jesus says sanctifies us? How are you helping to be sanctified?

## **You are an overcomer**

### **FRIDAY – 1 John 5:1-5**

John writes to encourage Jesus' followers and tells them what loving God is.

- John is very intentional about love... not as a warm fuzzy feeling but as an action word. How does one love God?
- What do you believe are God's two most important commands?

## **Purposes for God's word**

### **SATURDAY – 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

In Paul's final letter to Timothy, he lays out a game plan on how best to live for the Lord. In it he speaks about faithfulness now and godlessness in the future.

- What are the four items which the word of God helps us in our lives?
- Let's face it, at times we don't read because of rebuke or corrections from God, but in the end we find joy and peace in God as we obey God's word.