

4 Questions for the passage (self-study):

What is God teaching us about Himself?

What is God teaching us about our self?

What is God teaching us about others?

So what?

Why do we need the Bible? It leads us home!

Explore the Bible and it will Change Your Life!

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8

April 9, 2023 – Pastor Matt

April 9 – Why do we have the **BIBLE**

April 16 – Genesis gives a _____

April 23 – Exodus to Numbers give a _____

April 30 – Deuteronomy gives a _____

Focus Text: Genesis 1:1

Introduction:

- How you were raised, shaped your initial **VIEW** of the **BIBLE** – for good or bad.
- Then, these **VIEWS** were **CHALLENGED**
- If we don't know the **MESSAGE OF** the Bible, we will not accept the **MESSAGE IN** the Bible.

Personal Insights: _____

Understand the BIG PICTURE

- What we have today was not **SEEN** back in the day
- The Bible means **THE BOOKS**
- The writers of the Bible were...
- The whole can be seen:
 - Old Testament – **EXPECTATION**
 - Gospels – **INCARNATION**
 - New Testament - **EXPLANATION**

Personal Insights: _____

What **MOTIVATED** the Bible we have today?

- The **EMPTY TOMB**
- Those who were **EYEWITNESSES**
- It all made sense and **CAME TOGETHER**
- The message must be **SHARED** at all cost

Personal Insights: _____

The BOTTOM LINE

- Some would say, they don't believe **IT** anymore
- What is your **IT**
- The only “**IT**” that matters and motivates to study the rest of IT is the **EMPTY TOMB**
- The message is **GOD'S LOVE** as demonstrated in the **PATH** provided **BACK** to Him

Personal Insights: _____

The Bible will change the person who reads and follows the guidance it gives – like advice from your doctor - What will we do with what we know?

SO What – NOW What _____

Tasks to be done later – write them down, leave them, and get back to the message! _____

Prayer Concerns:

Notes for Personal Study:



SERMON NOTES

The Church that Jesus commissioned is a Church that must be a Disciple-Making Church! The Bible shows a disciple is one who has encountered Christ, been changed by Christ and is following Christ with other believers.

I see the Sunday message as one part of the disciple-making process, so I am intentional with sermon notes. Please note:

1. The blanks that are provided are intended to provide a framework for God’s message to you.
2. The personal insight blanks are intended for you to reflect on what God is saying to you.
3. The sermon notes and your notes are intended for us to move through an intentional, discipleship process.

I pray today’s message strengthens you in your walk with Jesus and the overflow impacts others!

Pastor Matt