



God's Library

Week 1: *Getting The BIG Picture*

Week 2: *The Historicity Of The Old Testament*

Week 3: *The Historicity Of The New Testament*

Week 4: *Current Issues & Debates*

Introduction – Submitting To Surgery

Hebrews 4:12-13

Questions Scholars/Thinkers Are Asking

- #1. Who or what holds “authority” on behalf of God in our lives today – the Bible or the Church?
- #2. If there is a real “human element” in the Bible, how can we trust it to build our theology?
- #3. How does the Bible compare with other “scriptures”?
- #4. How should we read the first chapters of Genesis?
- #5. Why is the Bible so patriarchal?

#6. Do the Synoptic Gospels agree about Jesus’ exalted status as divine or at least pre-existent, or is that an invention of John only?

#7. How reliably was the Bible transmitted?

#8. What is the best way to translate the Bible?

#9. What is the best way to apply the Bible?

Conclusion – What Page Are You On?

John 5:39-40

Matthew 7:24

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing your notes on Sundays message, discuss one new thing you learned or something that has left you intrigued or puzzled.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read Jesus’ words about the written Word of God in **Matthew 5:17-20**. a) What do you think Jesus meant by not abolishing but fulfilling the Law? b) How does **Ephesians 2:14-15** inform the teaching of Jesus in **Matthew 5:17-20**? c) What do you think is the meaning of **v. 18**? d) How does **v. 19** support the belief that it is not simply through our good behaviour that we make it into heaven? e) How does **v. 20** balance **v. 19** on the topic of faith and works? How do we reconcile these two different emphases? f) What was the sin of the Pharisees that kept them from the kingdom? See **Matthew 23:5,23-28**.

SO WHAT?...

3. To what extent are you guilty of following the way of the Pharisees rather than the way of Jesus? What areas of life tempt you the most to live an outside-in life instead of an inside-out life? Think, discuss, pray.

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