

OUR GOD SPEAKS

Part 3 - The Word Made Flesh

Intro: General Revelation – God **EXISTS**, He is **POWERFUL**, and He is **GOOD**.

Special Revelation – The Bible: What qualifies as Scripture?

What is the primary topic/purpose of Special Revelation/Bible?

JESUS

The primary topic of the Old Testament = the coming of **JESUS**.

Luke 24:27

Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-5 John uses Genesis to point to **JESUS**.

Malachi 3:1 Malachi prophesies about the coming of **JESUS**.

Psalms 103:1-2 **JESUS** pardons our sins, **JESUS** heals our sickness.

The primary purpose of the New Testament writers = reveal/explain the person **JESUS**. Colossians 1:28, John 20:30-31

JESUS is the culmination of special revelation. Hebrews 1:1-2

The primary purpose of **JESUS**: reveal/explain/do the will of the **FATHER**. John 12:49, 6:38, 14:31

By looking at **JESUS** we can know the **FATHER**. John 14:8-9, 1:18

Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15

Jesus is powerful: the **FATHER** is powerful. Mark 4-5

Jesus is good: the **FATHER** is good. Acts 10:38, John 10:11

The #1 attribute of the Father that Jesus demonstrates is **LOVE**.

Love = Doing what is best for someone even when it costs us. 1 John 4:10, Mark 10:45, John 3:16

The more we develop our relationship with **JESUS**, the more we will reflect/act like the **FATHER**.

When we sacrifice for others we are acting like **JESUS** and reflecting the **FATHER** because God is a **SELF-SACRIFICING** God.

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Life Group Discussion Questions – July 14, 2019

Luke 24:25-27 And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

QUICK REVIEW

1. Distinguish between the Bible being an authoritative list of books and a list of authoritative books. In each case, where does the authority originate from?
2. “Canon” literally means “measuring rod.” Review the six measurements that Pastor Phil said the Scriptures had to meet to be included in the Bible. Do you agree with the six requirements? Why or why not?
3. In what ways did God ensure that His (written) word was protected through the centuries?

MY STORY

1. According to Pastor Greg, in the New Testament, what is the primary purpose of Jesus? (see John 6:35-40; 12:48-50; 14:31)
2. Read John 14:7-11. In what ways can you relate to Phillip? Why do you think this is?
3. Read Matthew 5:17-18. What do these verses reveal to you about Christ’s view of the Scriptures?

GOING DEEP

1. If you only had a copy of the Old Testament, what Scriptures would you highlight that point to Jesus?
2. What is the significance of Jesus being called “The Word?”
3. Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. What does this passage show us about God’s revelation?
4. What is the number one attribute of the Father that Jesus perfectly reflects? Discuss how we can grow in our relationship with God the Father. How is the Father’s love different than human love?
5. Discuss the challenges you face in following a Bible reading plan. What strategies can you develop to move past these stumbling blocks?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?