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| **SERIES** | **Discipleship 101: 9 Week Challenge** |
| **BIBLE** | **2 Timothy 3:14-17, James 1:19-25,** |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | **Pt 2 – Scripture – The Importance of the Word!** |
| **OVERVIEW** | Disciples are people who receive God’s Word and DO IT!  James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”  Being in God’s word changes us! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **Intro:**  I think it’s safe to say that most of us have a curiosity and longing to know your history, to understand your background. Many times when we approach the Bible we might read something and ask, what’s really going on here? What is the background to all of this? Where do I come from? The Bible is a gateway that leads to understanding your story in life!  ILL-Harold Bacon for Mayor  My grandfather, Harold Bacon, passed away when I was a young kid, so I never had a full understanding of who he was or what his background was. I always had to piece things together from stories I would hear.  Then one day I was cleaning out our basement and as I was cleaning I found this poster board hidden behind some items. “Re-Elect Harold Bacon”.  Upon seeing this I was confused and yet proud. I didn’t know what it meant, it was like discovering some hidden fact that everyone else knew but you were left in the dark. What does this mean? It was with this quick image that I began to ask, who is this guy? I realized I didn’t know much about my family history, that if something like this exists, what else could be out there. Where do I come from? What is our story?  -We have these longings in our life that come through as questions:-Where did I come from?-How did I get here?-Where am I going?-Who am I?   * -These questions are what lead to a larger question, what is my story? * -The Bible is a book that tells us thee story. The story about God, the story about humanities creation and place, the story about a people who are on a journey, the story about a savior, the story about redemption, it’s our story!   ILL – Stat about how being in the Bible 4 days a week changes us!  **What is the Bible? – 2 Timothy 3:14-17**   * VV.16-17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” * The Bible is not a flat text but a living Text! * ILL – Bible Project Video: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/what-is-bible/>   **What is the Story? – Overview of Narrative**   * Overview of Narrative: Creation – Fall – Redemption – Restoration * Creation: Genesis 1-2 * Fall: Genesis 3 * Redemption: Psalm 78 – John 1 * Restoration: Revelation 21:1-7 * Eugene Peterson writes, “Good storytelling involves us in what has been sitting right in front of us for years but we hadn’t noticed or hadn’t thought was important or hadn’t thought had anything to do with us. And when we do notice – the story wakes us up to what is there and has always been there. Without leaving the world in which we daily work and sleep and play, we find ourselves in a far larger world; we embrace connections and meanings and significance in our lives far beyond what our employers and teachers, our parents and children, our friends and neighbors have told us. The Scriptures, simply by virtue of their narrative form, draw us into a reality in which we find ourselves in touch with the very stuff of our humanity.”   **What is the Point? – James 1:19-25**   * We must not just be hearers we must be doers! * ILL – Kid’s Living out what they watch. * -Scripture is Essential to how we are living!   Eugene Peterson goes on, “The biblical story invites us in as participants in something larger than our sin-defined needs, into something truer that our culture-stunted ambitions. We enter these stories and recognize ourselves as **participants**, whether willing or unwilling, in the life of God.”   * -One of the privileges of being a parent is that kids remind you just howimpressionable we all are. Our kids will often watch a show and it leaves animmediate impression upon them. They want to play what they watched. So when we watch a family movie or an episode of Bluey, later on they ask to act out the episode. You find yourself living out what they just watched. * The point is not just to read and observe but soak in and do! |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  The Call to Action is to READ the Bible! |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple |