

The Good Book: Asking Better Questions
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Scripture's primary purpose is to point us to Jesus

If we miss this, we can bring some wrong expectations and surface questions to the text.

- *What are some of the beliefs you've held about what the Bible is for?
- *How would some of those other purposes inform how we read it and the questions we bring to it?

The Bible reveals and exposes brokenness in us

Read and discuss Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- *What does this passage tell us about how we read the Bible and its purpose?
- *What are some helpful questions to ask of Scripture when it comes to our brokenness?

The word of God is only alive and active when it's connected to the Word made flesh...Jesus

Read and discuss Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- *What do these verses tell us about how we read the Bible and its purpose?
- *What strategies and tools can we use to help us find Jesus and his work in texts?
- *How is it possible to use the Bible apart from Him?

When we read the Bible with this purpose in mind, our hearts become pointed to Jesus and away from the world and ourselves

The power of this book is its ability to lead us into relationship.

- *Would you say reading the Bible has drawn you into a deeper relationship with Jesus?
- *What are you sensing about the purpose you ascribe to the Bible and the questions you bring to it?
- *Read Romans 3:21-31 or choose a passage to read together and ask these questions:
 - What does this reveal to me about the brokenness of my heart and my need for Jesus?
 - How does what I'm reading reveal Jesus and point my heart towards him?