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The Bible is God's Story given to transform you and to be the authority in your life

Value God's Word as your authority and engage it with the goal of becoming more like Jesus

1. God is a God of revelation

Psalm 19:1-6

2 Timothy 3:15

"He is wisest who reads both the world-book and the Word-book as two volumes of the same work, and feels concerning them, 'My Father wrote them both.'"

Charles Spurgeon

Deuteronomy 29:29

2. Because of its **Author**, the Bible is authoritative

Psalm 19:7-9

Human beings, unlike anything else in the created order, are made in the image of God, they have an <u>intrinsic</u> value and worth

Genesis 1:26-27

2 Timothy 3:16-17

3. The Bible is transformative when you <u>apply</u> its truth to your attitudes and actions

Psalm 19:10-13

It's not just knowing the Word of God, but <u>applying</u> it with the expectation that it will not only change your behaviors, but you, from the inside out

Romans 12:2

When we value the Word of God as both authoritative and transformative in our lives, our relational world will notice and recognize that not only do we live according to a different "code," but they see the <u>Jesus</u> in our lives that we follow

Psalm 19:14

Now What?

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FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE

What was your first experience of reading or studying the Bible?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Suppose a friend asked you, "How can you know of or know God?" How do these Scriptures answer how God has revealed Himself?

Psalm 19:1-11

Romans 1:20; 2:14-15;

Hebrews 1:1-3

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17. What is the origin of Scriptures? Why are they essential and beneficial?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What questions might you ask if a friend asks, "How can you believe in an invisible God?"

Why is the idea of the 'authority' of the Bible unpopular with people?

How would you answer a friend who asks, "Why would you want the Bible to be your authority?"

How can the Bible be transformative in our lives? How has it been so in your life?

LIFE RHYTHM

If God's words are the most important words we will hear all day, how can we develop a life-rhythm of listening to Him daily?