

Meet the Bible

(Little Known - less read - treasures from the Bible)

I would like to know more about _____

(Book, passage, biblical theme)

Judges

The book of Revelation

Revelation - Are we in the End Days of the Seventh Trumpet?

What we do in heaven.

Revelation

Holy Spirit

Grace - the different kinds. Yes - you just covered but I'd love to hear more

Forgiveness - biblical examples

Holy Spirit

Who created God?

The theological differences between the Protestant denominations

What the culture was like when each book was written - a timeline and then some

Matching up Old and New Testament events that came "true"

James

Forgiveness of self, of God

Ecclesiastes 3:18-20 Life after death for animals

The book of Revelation

How do we reconcile the God of the OT (wars, vengeance, etc.) With a loving God in the NT?

Mark, John, Luke and Matthew

Revelation

Something that confuses/troubles me from the Bible:

My minister said that God will tell us when we need it.

Same as above (Revelation) - it confuses me/scares me, so I haven't spent lot of time in it.

Races and languages

The Old Testament seems so punitive and blood thirsty. God changed so much in the New Testament. I get angry when I read the Old.

When you ask God for guidance on an issue, how do you know for certain what His will is for you to then do?

Predestination. Salvation for infants and those who don't "comprehend."

The Trinity

How to grasp Revelation

Don't recall the scripture - but it says women should be silent in church. Excuse me???

A loving God - but so much sickness? Violence? Why? Especially Children? Jesus talking in parables - crazy confusing. Why so many test? Why God tested if He already knew the response?

That God never allowed Moses into the promised land - because he struck a rock???

Why did God create us; because he was lonely? And I know we have free will and I know we should do what he asks in return for all He has provided, but why does he demand & in the Old Testament "punish"? Why was I born into so much privilege and blessings, why wasn't I born as a starving child in Africa or with a handicap?

Apparent conflicting passages in the Old and New Testament

How so many denominations can interpret it so differently or not at all (mega-churches)

Heaven - will we be in a waiting place until Jesus comes again

My favorite part of the Bible:

Psalms 23

I Corinthians 13 always stands out, but there are so many others. I'm still learning so much and eager to keep learning.

The New Testament – all of it!

Honestly, it changes as I read the Bible, so much to grasp and frequently what I am currently reading is my favorite!

Book of Psalms

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Psalms, Genesis

New Testament / Gospels

I John

Well if you get it figured out it's like the greatest love story of all. (No wonder Doug loves it :)

Any & all positive scriptures

The book of John. The story of Moses

Ephesians

Jesus dealing with social justice issues

Hallelujah Psalms

Is reading the miracles of Jesus & understanding their deeper meanings & Jesus showing compassion to the poor & to children

Is there any part of the Bible we can ignore as no longer relevant, such as:

I think it is all still relevant, just some books and verse more so than others.

No

Leviticus / Old Testament laws

No

Leviticus

Homosexuality?

Ask the Pastor

(Your Questions Answered)

I've never understood this practice/ritual:

Why Easter changes dates every year. Christmas is always the same date - why not Easter?

Why the Jews don't accept Jesus as their Savior

Issue of those who haven't heard of Jesus or other religions or children who die young - going to heaven.

Circumcision - why that then?

All of the meat sacrifice

Loving "All" - I struggle to like some people

I think I know - but the seasons of the church & Ash Wednesday, when did it start?

But I could use a refresher.

Why the blessing of the sacraments is important.

How do we pray for a loved one undergoing long term treatment for a disease?

Repetitiously? Doesn't God hear our gut-wrenching prayer the very first time?

Infant baptism

Tearing of robes or clothing

Where does the church stand on this issue:

Our church specifically – homosexuality

Tolerance / "Love your neighbor" US keeping us safe from terrorism. How do we do both?

Divorce

Divorce and Remarriage

Anointing of the sick

Predestination Calvinism vs Arminianism – Key elements of common ground

Baptism of infants vs. Dedication

Guns in Church - security

Gay marriage - Gay clergy - women as clergy. Contemporary worship vs traditional worship - is there a difference? Do we really care?

*Recent book/movie question: Jesus having a wife - Mary Magdalene - some folks lost their mind - why would this be a bad thing - he was human, he was still Jesus
Women's involvement / place in the church - ex: women as pastors / leaders in the church . The intersection of faith and science (dinosaurs, evolution, the big bang, life on other planets, etc.)*

Homosexuality - A) if it is a sin then b) we are all sinners & God sees all sin as equal so ... why all the fuss?

Gay people & gay clergy

Gay people / I understand the position on performing marriage ceremonies and will follow its direction. I just want to make sure my gay friends will be welcome warmly and with love.

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Marriage of the same sex, would Pastor Derek perform the marriage ceremony of a couple that are of the same sex?

I am grateful to the church for:

Loving us!

Helping me keep my faith strong, even during difficult times. I am also grateful that the church is focused on love and helping and no beating us (me) up about our (my) sin.

Pastor Derek teaching Jesus.

The joy I receive each time I go

Being family, encouraging, holding me accountable, opportunity to serve and pray, helping me grow in my faith.

It's outreach.

Well, since Pastor D came - seems we're more open to new ideas or revisiting old ones

The outreach to those in need

Small groups - mini studies - prayer support

Too many things to list here

Bible studies – Roof crashers!

Providing a caring community.

The Caring people and the kindness I've been shown

All of it!

Our loving staff and Band!!

Children's church, moving me forward on my faith journey

I would like to tell my story of faith and church:

I don't know that my story is particularly spectacular or moving but I am happy to share it if it might help others. Name

I am going to Honduras with Compassion International in April and would love the opportunity to share my experience when I get back! Name

I also feel (maybe I'm wrong) in years past people were grateful for help and now they expect it. Another issue I struggle with - people who need something from the church - I know you said err to the side of Jesus or something similar, but as a church, I don't think we do that & how could we be better disciples to them?

HELP!

Maybe - Name