

Growth Group Questions

This Is The Bible Part 2: Understanding Biblical "Contradictions"

1. Sometimes we find seeming contradictions in the Bible as in the examples given in Matthew 19 and Acts 16. But they aren't contradictions at all. They are specific applications of the law and the gospel to help different individuals draw closer to God. Understanding that, explain why Jesus told the rich man he had to obey the Commandments to get eternal life?
 1. Explain why the Apostle Paul told the jailer he needed to believe in Jesus in order to be saved?
2. Think about someone in your own life who needs a word from the Lord. Does this person need to hear the law or the gospel and why?
3. Read John 1:14, Ephesians 4:14, 1 Peter 3:15. What do these three passages all have in common?
 - a. Reflect on the way you speak to others. Is your goal to be right and win an argument, or is your desire to lead that individual into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?
 - b. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the ability to speak with grace and truth, to speak the truth in love, and to share the hope you have with gentleness and respect.



(The following questions are based on Matthew 4)

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIRV) "God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true."

1. What does this Bible verse make you think about?

2. The Bible is an ancient (really old) collection of books. How do you think it's helpful for kids today?

3. While Jesus was in the desert being tempted by the devil, what did he show us we can do with the Bible when we're being tempted? What does the Bible tell us about what Jesus did for us? Why does that matter?

4. When is the Bible hard for you to understand, and when is it easy for you to understand?

5. What do you think is so important about reading the Bible with other people and talking about it?