



## **Part One // Scott Landry // October 15, 2023**

There are lots of people over the last two thousand years who tried to engage the Bible and gave up. Others are skeptical about whether they can trust the Bible or if it's just a bunch of made-up stories. However, there are also billions who would say it's a book that's changed their life. Why is that? Why and how do these Christians read the Bible? The answer might surprise you.

**Scripture:** [Matthew 5:17-20 NLT](#) ; [John 5:39 NLT](#) ; [2 Timothy 3:14-17 NIV](#)

**Bottom Line:** The Bible is for you when it comes to God, and for God when it comes to you.

### **Getting Started:**

1. How would you describe your relationship with the Bible? Why?
2. What are some of your larger questions about the Bible?
3. Would you say the challenges you face when reading the Bible are more about technique or more about posture? How so?

### **Diving In:**

4. Scott talked about how we can read the Bible for information or transformation. What is the difference? Which would you say is more your approach? Why?
5. To what degree do you attempt to make the Bible say what you want instead of really listening to what it's saying? Be honest and give yourself a score out of 10. How could you move up the scale?
6. Why do we often try to master the Bible rather than inviting the Bible to master us? What are the potential challenges of inviting the Bible to master you? What are the opportunities?

7. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 . Based on this passage from the apostle Paul, how is the Bible different from every other book? How did Scott illustrate this idea? Can you think of other unique features of the Bible that are not included here?

**Moving Forward:**

If you have questions about the Bible, check out the many helpful resources at the **Bible Project**, including their podcast series called **The Paradigm** exploring the core ideas that shape the way the biblical authors intended for us to read Scripture.

This week, begin to approach the Bible with a posture of prayer and humility. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and see if/how your experience changes. Start by reading Psalm 119:105-112 each day.

**Resources:**

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