

FRESH PERSPECTIVE | WEEK #02

When the Bible is Wrong and Why That's Good! | April 23rd

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

The Bible has been a significant source of _____.

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Christians are leaving the church because of the _____ more than any other single reason.

A Fresh Perspective on the Bible starts with knowing a little secret about _____ - _____ interpretation methods.

WHAT IS THE FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE BIBLE?

A Fresh Perspective affirms an _____ - _____ interpretation of the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 4:7 and Luke 24:13-35

Stories can be _____, even if they are not factual reports.

A Fresh Perspective affirms the Bible as _____.

By affirming its sacredness, we are saying that the Bible is our _____ document, _____ document and _____ tradition.

A Fresh Perspective affirms Jesus as the _____ of the Bible.

A Fresh Perspective affirms the _____ nature of the Bible.

DON'T MISS THIS!

A Fresh Perspective is important because sometimes the Bible is _____.

A Fresh Perspective free us from the tyranny of those who _____ the Bible.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Embrace the Bible _____, not the one modernity wanted.

Let _____ be your travel companion as you wander through the Bible.

Remember that taking the Bible _____ does not mean taking it _____.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

A Fresh Perspective can help us (re)discover a Bible that we can _____ to read.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Sign me up for the Thursday Evening Conversation Group at the Crossroads building.
2. I would like to get the digital weekly conversation guide.
3. Sign me up for the Digital Conversation Group.
4. Read one Psalm each day this week, looking for the metaphorical meaning.

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. When you think of the Bible, what word comes to mind? Why that word?
2. Have you ever felt like the Bible was being used as a weapon against you? How so?
3. Does it make you nervous, bring you a sense of freedom, or something else to think of the Bible as written by humans?
4. Why are stories such a powerful way to convey truths?
5. Is the idea that the Bible is wrong at times but also sacred easy or difficult for you to hold? Why?

FOR FURTHER READING

1. *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality* by Richard Rohr
2. *The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It* by Peter Enns
3. *How the Bible Actually Works* by Peter Enns
4. *Convictions* by Marcus Borg
5. *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus Borg
6. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg
7. *A More Christlike Word* by Bradley Jersak
8. *What is the Bible* by Rob Bell
9. *How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian* by John Dominic Crossan