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Luke 24:27

Two: The Bible in Context

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*Without Context.

TODAY'S VERSES:

- 2 Peter 3:16
- 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- Psalm 23:5
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Psalm 46:10
- John 3:16
- Luke 14:26
- Genesis 3
- Luke 24:20-23, 27

RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Many misunderstandings about the Bible start with misunderstanding what the Bible actually is:

1. **The Bible is a library, not a book.** The Bible is 66 books in two parts (old testament and New Testament) combined under one cover. The Bible is the PRIMARY way God still speaks to us today.
2. **The Bible was written for us, but not to us.** The Bible is **FOR** all people at all times and all places to know God and gain wisdom. But it was not written **TO** us in terms of modern language or contemporary culture with our assumptions in mind.
3. **Never Read a Bible Verse – Out of Context.** Every Bible verse fits within a larger narrative framework.
4. **All the Bible Points to Jesus.** We do not see Jesus' name in the OT, but the whole storyline centers around Him as God's promised savior from Gen 3 onward.

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All the Bible points to Jesus and the good news of God's saving us; this is where we must begin and end our journey as well.

- What things in the Bible are hard for you to understand?
- Do you think the Bible is written to you or for you? What is the difference?
- If you believe the Bible, why do you believe it?
- Respond and discuss how we can invest in knowing the context to give us a deeper understanding to these four principles:
 - The Bible is a library not a book
 - The Bible was written for us, but not to us
 - Never Read a Bible Verse – out of context
 - All of the Bible points to Jesus
- How does understanding that every verse fits into the grand narrative framework inspired by God help us to understand His Gospel better?

ASK US: **What questions do you have that you want to ask us about this topic/verses covered?**