

8. TAKING THE BIBLE LITERALLY

Today's Verses:

John 17:17	Acts 18:12	Matthew 5:38-48
1 Peter 3:14-16	Acts 19:22	Hebrews 4:12
Luke 3:1-2	Acts 18:2	

PUMPKIN KILLING

Today at 1:30pm
Orcutt Hill/Newlove Picnic Grounds

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INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER 7:

People today like to say, “You can’t take the Bible literally” meaning you can’t really trust what it says. Many people have heard the claim that the Bible was/is a collection of myths and stories that “the church” itself manipulated in order to bring about their desired theology. The idea is that it wasn’t Jesus changing our view of God (and then His disciples writing about it); it was THE CHURCH changing Jesus to fit with their power structure. The truth is the Bible is filled with narrative, concrete details, historical figures, political activity, and details about social and religious life that can be verified and trusted.

DISCUSSION

If you were lost on a desert island and you could have 3 books, what would they be?

EXPLANATION

Have you ever found anything in the Bible confusing? What?

Have you received an answer to that confusion? What was it?

What is the difference between literalism and letteralism? Give an example of each.

APPLICATION – READ HEBREWS 4:12

How has the Bible “cut you to your core?”

What attitudes or beliefs has the Bible revealed in your own life (good and bad)?

Based upon NT Wright’s 5 Acts, how does living in Acts 5 inform all the Scriptures and our view of them?

MISSION

How can we speak of taking the Bible literally without acting like weridos?

What does a view of believing the Scriptures look like when lived out in our lives?

HOMEWORK

Read Chapter 7 in the Reason for God.