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Order of Worship 14 November 2021 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer Sermon Series: Heretic-Facing Misguided Beliefs Sermon: "Why Should We Believe the Bible?

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending



Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

Our Common Practices

We Gather

- We gather for worship more often than not.
- We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.
- We create hospitable space for one another.

We Grow

- We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...).
- We nurture our faith.
- We attend to relationships that promote growth.
- We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

We Give

- We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world.
- We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

We Go

- We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.
- We help the vulnerable among us.
- We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

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Part 2: "Why Should We Believe the Bible?" Pastor Kris Beckert

What has been your view of the Bible? What has contributed to this view?

I. Why should we believe/trust the Bible?

1. We believe in the Bible based on ______ rather than believe in Jesus based on

John 5:39-40, 46-47 "...You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life...". "...If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

2. We believe the Bible is _____

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

• "inspired" (theopneustos) -

II. How should we understand the Bible?

1. Written in _____

- Spanning _____ years
- Before scientific ______
- Understood things as they _____ (Job 37:18; Genesis 1:7, Job 40:15)

2. Written to a _____

3. Written with _____

- Over _____ authors from ____ continents
- Sometimes misquote, forget details (Mark 1:2, 2:26, 1 Cor 1:14-15, Matt 27:9 & Zach 11:13)
- Conflicting accounts (2 Sam 24:1 & 1 Chron 21:1; Ex 34:7 & Ezekiel 18:20)

III. How does God "breathe" through the Bible?

1. Through keeping _____

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2. Through what seems to be _____

3. Through _____

- 4th century—
- Chose books (1) connected to an apostle, (2) already in use, (3) consistent theology, (4) inspired by Holy Spirit
- We read the Bible to ______

Big Idea: _____

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. What role has the Bible played in your life, faith, and church experience?
- 2. What have you understood "inspired" or "God-breathed" to mean? How has that affected your view of God? Jesus?
- 3. How has your view of Scripture affected the way you attempt to live out your faith?
- 4. If you are honest about it, what are some things you've noticed in or about Scripture that don't quite add up or you aren't sure about? What challenges or reservations do they present?
- 5. How does understanding inspiration and the Bible in the way described in the sermon affect your faith in Christ?
- 6. Who in your life might need to hear this message or Monday's Table Talk (posted Mondays at 2pm on Facebook & YouTube)?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email *pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org* or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.