

Sermon Notes

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What is the Bible? Series: Difficult Questions about the Bible

A. 3 Things the Bible is NOT:

1. The Bible was never intended to be a _____ book
2. The Bible was never intended to be a _____ book
3. The Bible is not a _____

B. 2 Things the Bible IS (also, WHY we should read it):

1. The Bible is the most _____ book ever written
 - a. Unity of diversity
 - b. Falsifiability
 - c. Fulfilled & unfulfilled prophecy
 - d. We are saved through _____ in Christ (& not works)
 - e. We see God incarnate as one of us... a human, in Jesus Christ
 - f. Covenants made by God to the people of Israel seem to still be standing
 - g. Best _____ book ever written
 - h. Breadth of authority

2. Bible is a vehicle through which God touches us and we can touch God

a. The Wesleyan Quadrilateral

- 4 Ways we can engage God in our lives:

1. Scripture
2. Tradition
3. _____
4. Experience

b. Scripture:

1. We learn about God
2. We learn about what it means to be human
3. We learn about the _____ of God to
 - (a) help us see when otherwise we would be in darkness;
 - (b) to warm us up in coldness
4. We learn what it basically means to be a good person in this world
5. More?

C. What is the Bible for you?

A1. science 2. history 3. novel B1. inspired 2. trustworthy 3. unique g. ethics 2. vehicle a3. reason b. light