

The Bible is Greek to Me, July 9-31

Series Focus: Helping people develop a regular habit of engaging with the Bible

Tagline: Making sense of an ancient text in a modern world

Feel: Joyful, delighted, communicating a deep humble love of God's Word; serious about God's Word, but not overly serious about ourselves

Why: We want to spark curiosity and a love for knowing God more through engaging regularly with the Bible.

Theme verse: John 17:17, Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

Invite Pitch: GQ magazine published a list of 21 books you *don't* need to read a while back, and not surprisingly the Bible made the list. The editors called it "repetitive," "foolish," and even "contradictory." Ask most people and that's what they would say - even some who follow Jesus. No one denies that the Bible is an ancient text that has been preserved for literally centuries. But why interact with it today? And how? What about when it does feel confusing, repetitive and contradictory? Together let's explore what to do when the Bible seems more like an ancient text for the religious than the active and living words of God himself.

Weekly Topics:

Week 1: July 9/10, Can I trust the Bible?

For when I don't understand a thing

Scripture:

Goal: Help people see the major story arc of the Bible and trust the historicity or authenticity.

May also include: How the canon was selected.

Next Step: Read your Bible, or if you have, give it another chance.

LIO: Focus on Bible passages that talk about the Bible

Podcast: Andy and Ben talk about historicity of the Bible

Week 2: July 16/17, How do I connect with the Bible? (Nate and Ben)

For when I'm not feelin' it

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-1

Goal: Help people connect hearts to the Bible through music.

Approach: Nate and Ben will talk through songs that are based in Scripture, their meaning, and how to use them to connect to God's Word, i.e. What a beautiful name

Next step: Read the bible with a song list

LIO: Can recommend songs from the Summer at CedarCreek playlist and write devos

Podcast: Arts Team members

Week 3: July 23/24, How does the Bible apply to me?, Campus Pastors (Ben at Cornerstone)

For when I'm not sure how to use it

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

Goal: help people learn keys to reading the Bible

Next Step: Bible at Guest Services, Bible Reading Acronym handout

Podcast: CP and wife about Bible...within life, marriage, family

Week 4: July 30/31and I'm out!

For when I have questions, doubts and hit "contradictions"

Scripture: 1 John 4:1; John 14:15-31 (Dealing with Doubt)

Goal: Help provide a deconstruction framework that is faith-filled

Next Step: LIO for framework

Podcast: Ben talking about framework and the difference between deconstruct and without damaging or destroying it

Goals:

What next steps will we ask people to take?

- Summer at CedarCreek text in campaign

How are we measuring engagement with the weekend service?

- Guests opting into on-going text in campaign

Ministry Calendar and Holidays:

July - DreamTeam Retreat/Fun Gathering

July 8-10 High School Camp

July 11-15 Fusion Camp

July 23 - Serve Day

July 23/24 Group Leader Training

July 25 First Day for 2022-2023 Interns

July 30/31 No GrowthTrack, 5th weekend

Series Resources:

Life Application Study Bible, NLT

YouVersion Bible app

Family Ministries

We recommend age-specific Bibles as listed below. In our FM video update we will encourage regular Bible/Devotion time as a family, including tips for Kids and Students.

[Preschool](#)

[Elementary](#)

[High School Bible](#)