

the Venues

Go Deep

Series: The Bible: What is it Good For?
“Ladies and Gentlemen... The Bible!”
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How many Bibles do you own?

1. We have a weird relationship with the Bible.

If you know less than you wish about the Bible, it is:

- a. Your fault*
- b. Your parents' fault*
- c. Your church's fault*
- d. Too late for someone your age*

What do you think of this statement from Bill Maher?

“To most Christians, the Bible is like a software license. Nobody actually reads it. They just scroll to the bottom and click, ‘I agree.’”

- a. Yep, that describes me perfectly.*
- b. Whose Bill Maher?*
- c. I'd better read it before I mark “I agree.”*

88% of households in the US own a Bible. But only 37% of Americans read it at least once a week. Are you?

- a. Surprised by those stats?*
- b. Convicted by those stats?*
- c. Ok with those stats?*
- d. Not surprised by those stats?*

2. Maybe it's because the Bible is kind of weird.

Are you familiar with the stories in Genesis 30:37-39; 2 Kings 2:23-24

How about these verses:

Numbers 31:17-18; Deuteronomy 23:1,2; Deuteronomy 21:10-11; 1 Cor. 14:35; 1 Cor. 11:14; 1 Peter 2:18

Zondervan Publishers has a 32-set of books called “[The Counterpoints Library](#).” The series presents different ways to interpret things like, the Trinity, Eternal Security, Hell, Is Adam an actual person in history, Creation, the Atonement (why did Jesus die), etc.

What does the presence of such a series say about the teachings of the Bible?

3. It's ok to ask questions of and wrestle with the Bible.

Did you have permission to ask questions about the Bible and all things religious in your home? in your church?

Do you see questions as “healthy” or “dangerous” as they relate to Biblical issues?

What questions about the Bible do you have?

4. The big question: What is the role of the Bible in our lives?

What do you think? How do you answer that question? How does John 5:39-40 answer the question?