



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions
Topic: *Bible 101: Flying Over for the Preview*
Text: Various Scriptures
Service Date: September 20, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- If you could experience one event or story from the Bible firsthand, which one would you choose and why?
- What has your experience with reading the Bible been like—easy, intimidating, inconsistent, meaningful, confusing, or something else?

Sermon Discussion

- The sermon describes the Bible as one unified story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration rather than simply a collection of individual books. How does seeing the Bible as one story change the way we approach it?
- Paul noted in the sermon, “Your story is not the whole story.” Why can that be difficult to remember when we are going through disappointment, suffering, success, or uncertainty?
- Ephesians 2:10 says that we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. What might it look like to view your current circumstances as an opportunity to participate in God’s larger story?
- The Bible contains many different types of literature—history, poetry, prophecy, Gospels, letters, and more—yet they are united around God’s redemptive story. Why is understanding the type and context of a biblical book important when interpreting it?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17. The Apostle Paul said that Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training. Which of those four functions of Scripture do you find yourself needing the most, and why?
- The sermon compared the Bible to a mirror that reveals both who God is and who we are. Can you think of a time when a passage of Scripture exposed something in your attitudes, priorities, or behavior that needed to change?

- “Reading Scripture isn’t about information but transformation.” What is the difference between simply knowing more about the Bible and actually allowing Scripture to transform us?
- Three obstacles to engaging Scripture were mentioned: distraction and busyness, feeling overwhelmed, and resistance of the heart. Which of these most commonly gets in the way of your time in God’s Word? What could help you overcome it?
- The David and Goliath example from the sermon shows how we can become distracted by secondary details and miss a passage’s main point. What are some ways we can become better at asking, “What is God actually trying to teach me through this passage?”
- The sermon says the Bible is also a mission—it invites us to join God’s story, not merely study it. According to 2 Corinthians 3:3, our lives can become a “letter from Christ.” What do you think people should be able to learn about Jesus by observing the way Christians live?
- The closing illustration compared Scripture to the instruments a pilot trusts when flying through clouds. What are some circumstances, emotions, or cultural messages that can cause us to trust our own instincts rather than what God has revealed in His Word?

This Week’s Action Response

- As you begin these next 40 days, what is **one specific step** you can take this week to become more engaged with God’s Word—not simply to gain information, but to allow it to shape how you think, live, and participate in God’s story?

