

Chapter and Verse: Honest Questions about the Bible Part One: Is the Bible Holy? Sermon Study Guide 7/10/16 The Story Houston

For the next several weeks, we're going to tackle some very honest and raw questions about the **Bible.** How would you describe the state of your own personal relationship with this book? How familiar are you with what it actually says?

Have you ever felt like reading the Bible is like ice skating? What would you say has been your greatest sticking point with scripture? What part(s) of the Bible do you find hard to swallow?

What are some of the instances where **cultural readings and assumptions** have overshadowed what the Bible actually says?

What are the differences between what people think the Bible says, and what it actually says?

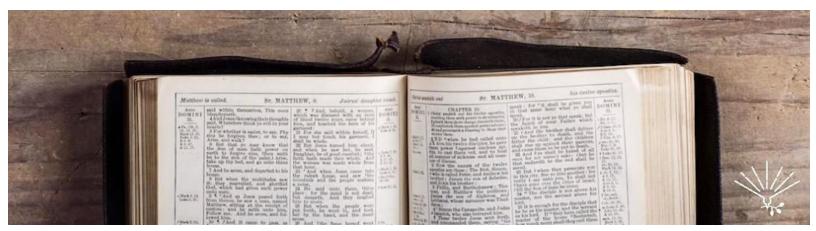
What people think it says

What it actually says

in addition to Eric's examples of misunderstanding the Bible, add your own here:

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Why is that so important to remember when re-learning how to read the Bible?



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From the Christian perspective, what is the key conflict in the biblical story? In response to this conflict, what options appeared to be before God? What was the problem with these options?

...so then there was a plot twist. What did God decide to do?

How is this different from anything the world has ever seen?

What does this plot twist have to do with the violence we witnessed this week?

So what makes the Bible holy?

(your notes from the sermon + your personal insights + Chapter group discussion)