



Sermon Notes

This Is Us: the Bible

7.17.21

John 5:39-40

Volunteer: Please write down and make a checklist of what I need to do to be your friend.

Bible Project Video (2:31): <https://youtu.be/vFwNZNyDu9k>

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- www.BibleGateway.com
- www.BibleHub.com
- www.BlueLetterBible.org
- www.TheBibleProject.com
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Most used text:

- 1 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
- Volunteer: point that will be made is that a checklist is unsatisfactory for true friendship
- The Forgotten verse: 1 Timothy 3:15 (NLT) You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

Mark 12:24 (NLT) Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

- Your mistake is that you have wandered off track and don't understand the Scripture or the power of God.
- Sadducees had PhDs in the Scripture and power of God. Yet what they thought was the strong point was really their weak point. They had missed the relationship.

John 5:39-40 (NLT) "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! 40 Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

Luke 24:45 (NLT) Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Conclusions:

Series reminder. Our mission at whole life is loving people into a lifelong friendship with God. "A relationship isn't something you have; it's something you do." Friendships occur through time lived together. They have through mutual understanding and respect for the other. The Bible is one of our tools for knowing God. It is our guide knowing the love story we are a part of. The Bible is God's Love Letter to you.



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