

the Venues

Go Deep

The Bible You've Never Known

Jesus and the Bible

November 9, 2014

Sunday, November 9 was "National Chaos Never Dies Day."

Chaos: According to Google: "confusion, turmoil, disorder, disarray"

What chaos are you going through now? Work? Family? School? Health? Other?

1. What chaos do you experience from reading the Bible?

Troubling passages?

Contradictory passages?

Violence?

Weird laws and how and if to follow them?

How do I know what to follow?

Convicting passages?

Joshua 6:21 and Joshua 6:27 were mentioned as examples of Bible verses that cause chaos. *What is your take on these verses?*

2. How do Bible guys read the Bible?

Check out Acts 10:1-23 – Go on through the whole chapter for a good read.

Look also at Leviticus 11:4-7, 13-19, 29-30. *With these restrictions from Scripture, how do you think Peter felt when he heard the voice ordering him to eat these animals?*

Why was it repeated three times?

What would the statement in v. 15 mean to Peter?

What, if anything, does this event tell us about the role of Scripture in our lives?

What would you do if you had a vision that told you to do something contrary to what you understood from Scripture?

3. How does Jesus read the Bible?

Check out the following times Jesus referred to an Old Testament passage. Notice the differences, the similarities.
Luke 4:18-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2
Matthew 5:33-37
Matthew 5:43-44
Leviticus 15:25 and Matthew 9:20-22
Matthew 8:1-4 and Leviticus 13:45-46
Matthew 15:11 and Leviticus 11.

What do these differences say to us about Jesus and the Scripture?

What does it mean that Jesus went beyond the Scripture?

4. What does this mean to us?

What do you think about these suggestions as to how to read the Bible based on what we've studied?

*Jesus sets the precedent. If it doesn't reflect Jesus, shake it off.

See Luke 9:52-56

What do you learn from this event?

What does this event tell us about precedent?

*Guiding principle: People over rules.

What examples of this principle do you see in the life of Jesus?

*Maybe what it means to know God, to follow God, cannot be contained in paper and ink.

See 2 Corinthians 3:6-8, 17-18.

What hits you about this passage?

Fill in the blanks from verse 6: "...for the letter _____, but the Spirit

_____.

To what does "the letter" refer?

How does Paul contrast the new covenant and the old covenant?

What does Paul say is the source of our transformation?

What do you think about the concluding comment:

"The Bible is rightly interpreted and applied when it reflects and leads us to Jesus and His way?"