

The Word of God

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. The Bible is not a book - it is a collection of books. It is not a story. It isn't an essay. The Bible is not a reference book. The Bible never claims to be a novel or an essay or a reference book. Is it problematic that we read the Bible like it is a book? Have you ever considered what the Bible is and what it isn't?
2. Do you find the Bible a good resource to answer life's big questions? Does it make it easy to find moral guidance? Does it make it easy to build and strengthen your relationship with God? Has the Bible ever felt inaccessible or irrelevant to you? What is your current relationship with the Bible?
3. The Author differentiates between the "word of God" and the Bible. What are the implications of the Bible containing the word of God but never referring to the scriptures as a whole as being the word of God? How does that change how you read? How does it change how you take in and how you search for the word of God?
4. Scripture is clear that Jesus is the Word of God. He is God's final and perfect revelation. Jesus is the one who makes God known. What has Jesus shown you about God?
5. How can reading scripture through the lens of Jesus as the Word of God help when resolving discrepancies and contradictions? Or in looking for answers to life's big questions? Or for moral guidance? What has Jesus shown you about the Bible?
6. What we know of Jesus has come through the Bible, but is there is a difference between focusing on the person of Jesus and focusing on the scriptural record about Jesus?
7. The author gives an example in Deuteronomy of reading and interpreting scripture with Jesus as the key. Is there another passage that you could apply this practice to?