



Week Three: What Does the Bible Do?

[2 Timothy 3:14-17](#)

1. Timothy and Biblical Literacy:

In [2 Timothy 3:14-15](#) what do we learn about Timothy's upbringing with the Bible? Were you exposed to the Bible as a child? Who was your first Bible teacher?

2. Understanding Purpose and Transformation:

Reflect on the quote by D.L. Moody: "The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation" ([Romans 12:2](#)). How does this perspective challenge common views about the Bible's purpose?

3. The True Picture of God:

According to the sermon, why is it crucial to have a correct understanding of God? How does our image of God influence our lives? ([John 14:9](#))

Discuss AW Tozer's statement: "We tend, by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God" ([Psalm 115:8](#)). How can our perception of God impact our character and behaviour?

4. The Impact of Worship:

What does the Latin saying "Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi" mean, and how does it relate to our perception of God? ([Psalm 95:6](#))

How can our choice of what to worship shape our identity and actions? ([Matthew 6:24](#))

5. The True Story of the World:

How does the Bible challenge other narratives or stories that shape our worldview? ([John 17:17](#))

Discuss Ivan Illich's statement: "If you want to change a society, you have to tell an alternative story." How does the biblical narrative offer a unique perspective on life's meaning and purpose? ([John 8:32](#))

6. Reading for Transformation:

Compare "informational reading" with "transformational reading" as described in the sermon ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)). How does the Bible's transformative power impact our daily lives?

Dallas Willard's called scripture "a tool for cooperating with God's redemption of our lives." How can we consciously engage with scripture to become more like Jesus over time? ([James 1:22](#))