

THE FUNDAMENTAL LIST

RECOVERING THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

The Bible

Fundamental List #8: The Bible documents God's redemptive activities in the world, culminating in the arrival of his final King.

Discussion Questions:

1. What were the first words you remember used to describe the Bible? Inspired? God's Word? Myth? Something else?
2. Discuss how this statement lands with you: *An error in any part of the Bible undermines the credibility of all of it.*
3. How do you reconcile the idea that people were following Jesus before the Bible was assembled? What implications does this have for the Bible's significance in our faith?
4. Has your view of the Bible evolved over time? How? Why?
5. How important is it to distinguish between essential beliefs and nonessential beliefs within Christianity? What makes you say that?
6. Interact with the list below. What stands out to you? Anything you would reorder?

The Fundamental List: What must someone believe to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

1. *Jesus is God's Son and our King.*
2. *Jesus came to illustrate and demonstrate what God is like.*
3. *Jesus defined sin as anything that harms you or others.*
4. *Jesus promised justice in the end and invites us to trust him in the meantime.*
5. *Jesus died for your sin to reconcile you to God.*
6. *The church is God's agent of transformation personally, culturally, and globally.*
7. *Jesus followers are multipliers.*
8. *The Bible documents God's redemptive activities in the world, culminating in the arrival of his final King.*