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What about the Bible?

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

In **1 Peter 3:15** we're told to be prepared to share with others why it is we believe in Jesus.

- How confident are you in sharing why you believe what you believe?
- What steps are you taking to be able to share more confidently?

Let's look at "imperfections" in the Bible, and not dismiss them

- **Ancient (Pre-Scientific) Cosmology**
Job 37:18; Genesis 1:7, 7:11; Psalm 104:2-6; Isaiah 24:8
- **Mythological Sea Monsters**
Psalm 74:14' Job 41:9, 18-21, 26-27
- **Human Mistakes**
1 Corinthians 1:14-15; Mark 1:2, Matthew 27:9
- **Un-Christ-like Pictures of God**
see Old Testament pictures compared with the New
John 14:9; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 24

Pastor Mike said: "The most offensive aspect of the gospel is the cross because it identifies God's power as synonymous with his self sacrificial love."

- Do you agree or disagree or not?
- Why is the cross offensive to many?

Read **James 1:22-25**

- We are to read the Bible – yes, but not simply to gain some information about God, or whatever, but so that we know how to live, transformed by the power of the Spirit.
- As you have been reading, what has God been speaking to you about how you think and live?
- Reflect on: Transformation, real life change happens from the inside out, from the core of who (our thinking and our feeling) we are shaping our actions. Transformation happens in relationship and ministry to others.

Next Steps:

- Plan on meeting with 2-4 others to talk about these questions.
- Any questions that you have that arise from this, or other messages in this series, send them to questions@occweb.org

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