



An Introduction to the New Testament

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Sunday, October 4, 2015

2. How the New Testament is ORGANIZED . . .

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Today, as we embark on the New Testament leg of our Route 66 Road Trip Across the Bible, we take some time to check the map and chart our course . . .

1. Why the Bible is CENTRAL at Grace and why we STUDY it . . .

- The Bible is God's _____ Word.
“ . . . through the living and abiding word of God . . . ” (1:23)
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“ . . . the word of the Lord remains forever.” (1:25)
- The Bible is God's _____ Word.
“ . . . you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God. . . ” (1:23)
- The Bible is God's _____ Word.
“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (2:2-3)

3. What we'll DISCOVER as we study the New Testament . . .

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Questions for Growth Groups

CONNECTING TOGETHER

On this first week of Fall Groups, take some time to get to know one another and share your lives with each other. Maybe share highlights and lowlights of the summer . . .

STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

1. What do you think of our Route 66 series? If you've been with us, how has the series impacted you? What were a couple takeaways from this week's introductory message on the New Testament?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 together again. This passage explains why the Bible is central at Grace and why we study it together each week. We noticed 4 features of God's Word in these 1 Peter verses. Can you recall them from the text without looking at the outline?
3. What are some of the many things that keep us from prioritizing the reading, study, and treasuring of God's Word individually and as families? How can we address these things in our lives in order to make God's Word more central and more of a priority? How can we help and support one another in this pursuit?

4. Now that you've seen the chart in the outline, do you think you could explain the organization and structure of the New Testament and how it was put together? If not, what questions do you have?

5. What are some ways the New Testament is similar to and different than the Old Testament? What does the Old Testament tell us about Jesus and His Gospel? What does the New Testament tell us about Jesus and His Gospel?

6. Have you ever read the New Testament all the way through? What was that like for you? If not, why not? Are you willing to give it a go again as we walk through this series?

PRAYING TOGETHER

1. Pray for the reach of the Gospel through our Fall Kick Off follow up, welcoming new families and college students, the start of Growth Groups, and our Grace5Cities launch.
2. Pray for life change through our study of the New Testament.
3. Share and pray for one another's needs.