Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Watchman Nee - *Ye Search the Scriptures* ← this week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Gordon Fee & Douglas Stewart - *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*
- Logos Bible Software 7. Go to logos.com
- Phillip Yancey - *The Bible Jesus Read*
- *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: New Testament Set*
- Scot McKnight - *Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible*
- Robert Gundry - *A Survey of the New Testament*
- Gleason Archer - *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*
- Gary Meadors (ed.) - *Four Views on Moving Beyond the Bible to Theology*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

- **Quest Study Bible (NIV translation)**
- **Teen Study Bible**
- **Kids Quest Study Bible (NIrV translation)**

It's Black-and-White For a Reason... One of our values is to be inwardly frugal so we can be outwardly generous. That's why this program is black-and-white and printed on plain paper. Printing them this way cuts our costs way down. So this program may not be fancy, but it gets the job done. This is one of the things we do that enables us to give away 22% of our budget to the poor and needy in our community and beyond.

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THE eastsidevineyard® CHURCH

Immersed in the Culture of Heaven

Week 6 of Series: Eat This Book
October 23, 2016

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

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Tony DiRienzo (core team member of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Key Passage:
"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: Name at least one foreign language you have studied. How long has it been since you last studied it? If you had to visit a country that spoke that language, how confident would you feel trying to communicate with people around you?

2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?

3. In the Bible, the word "baptism" comes from the Greek word *baptisma*, which means to submerge or immerse. What things in life have you immersed yourself in? What are some things you are immersing yourself in right now?

4. People often use the "total immersion" method to quickly adapt to a new language or culture. Read Philippians 3:17-21. According to the Bible, we are no longer citizens of this world, but have become citizens of Heaven. Does "total immersion" describe the way you have been learning to fit into this new culture, or have you been approaching it more like a high school student trying to get a passing grade? ""

5. If you were suddenly plunged into the society of Heaven today, with your current level of knowledge and understanding, how well do you think you would fit in? What are some of the thoughts, words, and mannerisms that might make the current you look like a "foreigner" in Heaven?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 2:16 and Romans 12:2. What lens do you use to interpret current issues and events? Do you think your views tend to reflect the "mind of Christ" that comes to us through the Bible, or do you feel that more often than not your views are influenced by the culture of the world? Be honest with yourself.