

## THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN FOR YOU, BUT NOT TO YOU

### Read 2 Timothy 3:16

The two most common presuppositions when approaching the Bible are that it is 1. A God book & 2. A Human book. We believe that the Bible is a God book, but humans did write the book.

- **What are the risks with oversimplifying and leaning too heavily to one of those 2 presuppositions?**
- **How has your view of the Bible been shaped over time?**
- **What tend to be the biggest sources of doubts for you or others on the Bible as a God book?**

### Genesis 21:8-14 & Galatians 4:21-31

- **On the surface what does the Genesis 21 story seem to be about?**
- **How do typically approach passages of the Bible that you have trouble understanding?**
- **How does Paul's interpretation change the way we see the story?**

### John 5:39-40,47

Paul Says in Galatians 4 that this is to be “Interpreted Allegorically” and tells us that this story is about Grace & The Law and what Jesus did to free us from the Law and to birth us as children of God. There are many other places in the NT where the OT is interpreted to be an “allegory” for the work of Christ, showing that the Bible is a unified story that leads to Christ.

- **How can this allegorical & typological approach help us to read difficult passages of the Bible?**
- **What are the limits of this approach?**
- **What other Old Testament pictures of Jesus can you think of?**

## APPLICATION

### How will you approach the Bible?

Share your application with the group. Commit to checking in with one another during the week about this process.

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take some time to pray for each other.

Take some time to listen first. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayers.

Open up the time for people to pray the things out loud that Spirit has prompted.