

SERMON GUIDE

THE UNBREAKABLE BIBLE

John 10:27-36, 2 Peter 1:19-21 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Can you remember your earliest exposures to the Bible (parents, grandparents, friends, a church...)? What was that like? What do you remember thinking about the Bible at that time?

Note About the Passage: John 10:31-36 can be a difficult passage to understand. As you'll see (v.31-33), some Jews in the temple are extremely upset with Jesus because he has just said that he and the Father are one (John 10:30).

Read John 10:27-36 and 2 Peter 1:19-21.

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read these texts? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What posture is Jesus taking toward scripture in John 10:34 (he is quoting an obscure line of the law from Psalm 82:6)?

O: What do you think Jesus means when he says that "...the scripture cannot be broken..."?

O: What affect does Jesus' belief in (and knowledge of) scripture have on his circumstance?

O: An "iota" is a reference to the smallest letter in the Greek alphabet. A "dot" is a reference to the tiny marks over Hebrew letters that distinguish them from one another. What posture is Jesus taking toward scripture in Matthew 5? What posture is he calling others to take?

O: Here are some other scriptures that give us insight into what Jesus believed about scripture. Take some time to read these and consider what they teach us.

*Matthew 15:1-9 *Matthew 26:52-56 *Luke 16:17, 29-31 *Luke 24:25-27, 44-45 *John 17:17

A: In your own words, answer the question: "What did Jesus believe about scripture?" Is this challenging, comforting, frustrating or encouraging for you today? Why?

A: If God had written these passages just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: What is your own posture towards scripture? What would you like your posture to be? Is there anyone you would like to talk to about the Bible this week?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.