

Milestone of Discipleship

Knowledge (1 of 2)

Navigating God's Word

The goal of this milestone is for disciples to both navigate the Bible and understand the Bible. Tonight, we will discuss what it takes for Christians to be _____ of navigating God's Word.

Disciples will be empowered to navigate Scripture with **three** essential tools.

1. _____

The word bible means _____. Therefore, when someone knows the books, they are familiar with the Bible. When someone is familiar with the books of the Bible, it means they are aware of their order, genre, and their _____ within the overall narrative.

***How can we ascertain when someone knows the order of the Books of the Bible?**

What are the seven **genres** of the Books of the Bible?

1. _____:

2. _____:

3. _____:

4. _____:

5. _____:

6. _____:

7. _____:

***Why is genre important?**

After someone knows the order and genre of each book, the last step is for them to learn the _____ each book belongs. 6 _____ make up the history of God's people in the Bible.

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***Why would it be helpful to know where to place the books of the Bible in their proper era?**

The first tool in navigation is knowing the books. The second tool for proper navigation is

2. _____

What genre of books are where we find these events?

Not to say that every event in scripture is not significant, but tent spikes and mandrakes are probably less significant than waters opening and giants falling.

What kind of events would be considered significant?

Let's start naming some significant events as we look over the books of the Bible that fall under the Historical Narrative Genre:

Genesis:

Exodus:

Deuteronomy:

Joshua:

Judges:

Ruth:

1 Samuel:

2 Samuel

1 Kings:

2 Kings:

Jonah:

Esther:

Ezra:

Nehemiah:

The Gospels:

The Acts of the Apostles:

What do you think is the best way to learn or teach significant events in the Bible?

The final tool for navigating the Bible is **3.** _____

After the disciple has learned the books in order, their genre, and the major historical events, the last tool for proper navigation is for the disciple to put together a meta-narrative of the Bible.

A metanarrative is a _____ of the entire Bible in the form of a short story. By now, your disciple has learned so much that they will be tempted to _____ all they have learned. But this is not the goal. A metanarrative of the Bible is *not* a narrative of the Bible. The goal is that they can tell the _____ of the story.

Of the three tools of navigation, this tool is the one that best _____ what they have learned about the Bible. If you have done your job as a discipler, this will be a fun activity where they can showcase their understanding.

Demonstration for key elements in telling the story:

Conclusion: A Disciple will have learned the Bible when they can both _____ and understand Scripture. Navigation is possible when the disciple knows the books, the disciple knows the significant events, and the disciple can give the meta-narrative of the Bible. With the expectations of navigation explained, next week we will cover how the disciple will _____ the Bible.

Questions: