

**Doxa Series**  
**Never Again Out of Place**  
**“The Bible is True”**  
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## Opening

-new series...

**-The 7 Core beliefs of Christianity (our Doxa) instruct us where to be just as much as they teach us what to know.**

-7 core Christian beliefs

- **God is one**
- **The Bible is true**
- **The Cross is enough**
- **Mankind is helpless**
- **Jesus is life**
- **Eternity is real**
- **The Church is central**

*-Each of these beliefs lead me somewhere...and when I wander from that “place” I will always feel out of place. (talk about how this is a gift from God)*

**-Genesis 3:8-9**

-(quick recap from last week...)

## So Why Doxa? (Episcopal...burpees...)

-Where are all my Episcopalians? When you hear the word “doxa” what word or shall I say song comes to mind? (describe Mr. Crowder in choir)

*-doxology = a liturgical expression of praise (an expression of praise that contains foundational doctrinal beliefs)*

- **Doxa - to think, suppose, believe, consider, imagine...**

-dokeo is the source word...

- Dogma – a decree or ordinance (also from dokeo)

*-Doxa is often translated in the Bible as glory, splendor, grandeur, power, kingdom, praise, and honor as the word's usage broadened over time...*

## The Bible is True

**-God didn't create the Bible for reading; He wrote the Bible to recreate us.**

*In 2021, about 50 percent of Americans said they read the Bible on their own at least three or four times per year. That percentage had stayed more or less steady since 2011.*

*But in 2022, it dropped 11 points. Now only 39 percent say they read the Bible multiple times per year or more. It is the steepest, sharpest decline on record.*

*Currently, only 10 percent of Americans report daily Bible reading. Before the pandemic, that number is down from 14 percent pre-pandemic.*

-Church attendance also down, formerly 3 times a month now 1.7/1.9.

-(talk about genes)

*A gene is a short section of DNA. Your genes contain instructions that tell your cells to make molecules called proteins. Proteins perform various functions in your body to keep you healthy. Each gene carries instructions that determine your features, such as eye color, hair color and height.*

*-You and I were born with a spiritual DNA that we inherited from Adam and Eve. And when we make a vow of devotion to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and live inside of us (John 14-16). And He uses the Bible to recreate us, to re-write our spiritual DNA to become more like Jesus!*

- **Colosians 1:27**
- **Romans 7:21-25**
- **Hebrews 4:12**

*-Going back to those stats...we can change these trends. We have to be in The Bible MOST days...but not just to read it...we must avail ourselves to it! The Bible is about virtues and values, boundaries and expectations, hopes and promises, purposes and destiny all of which confront our own natural human inclinations...so let's get in the fight and let the Bible recreate us!*

## **The Bible**

**-(recommend Touchpoint by Bob Santos and Church History in Plain Language by Bruce Shelley)**

*The Bible was written over a period of roughly 2,000 years by 40 different authors from three continents, who wrote in three different languages. These facts alone make the Bible one of a kind, but there are many more amazing details that defy natural explanation.*

*Shepherds, kings, scholars, fishermen, prophets, a military general, a cupbearer, and a priest all penned portions of Scripture. They had different immediate purposes for writing, whether recording history, giving spiritual and moral instruction, or pronouncing judgment. They composed their works from palaces, prisons, the wilderness, and places of exile while writing history, laws, poetry, prophecy, and proverbs. In the process they laid bare their personal emotions, expressing anger, frustration, joy, and love.*

*Yet despite this marvelous array of topics and goals, the Bible displays a flawless internal consistency. AnswersInGenesis.org*

- The Bible is true...meaning inspired.**
- The Bible is true...meaning infallible**
- The Bible is true...meaning authoritative**

## **Band**

**-God is One:** The oneness of God reveals that the nature of God is to be for others...inviting me into a place of trust.

**-The Bible is True:** **God didn't create the Bible to be read: He wrote the Bible to recreate us, inviting us into a place of...**

**SURRENDER**

**Close -2 Corinthians 5:17**