



Discussion Questions

- Share a time where your expectations exceeded your reality. Maybe it was as simple as some dry chicken you got at a restaurant or a vacation excursion that got rained out. What is an experience that left you wanting? (extra points for a funny story-telling)
- Now, what about the Bible? What expectations do you have of the Bible? How have those expectations affected how you make sense of the Bible? In your experience, when have you felt the pressure to defend the Bible?
- View 4 suggests that the Bible is "God letting his people tell their story from their own cultural, historical, and limited perspectives." How might this perspective change how someone interprets some of the more difficult or problematic passages in the Bible?
- Share how you might resonate with View 4 and/or how you might resist this view. Remember, in this series we've presented four valid Christian views of Biblical interpretation...so this isn't about choosing sides. It's about sharing what might be differing viewpoints, seeking to understand someone's perspective, and being open to what can be learned together.
- The sermon compares the "fully divine and fully human" nature of the Bible to the nature of Jesus. What does it mean to you for the Bible to be both fully divine and fully human?
- We talked about some Good News that View 4 offers. Which of these is the Good News you most resonate with? What situation or experience in your life causes you to see this as potentially good news?
 - *God let His children tell the story.*
 - *You don't have to defend the Bible.*
 - *The Bible doesn't have to be a roadblock.*
- Think of someone in your life who has struggled with the Bible. How might this perspective on Scripture open a door for a conversation with them about faith?
- Thinking about the whole "Four Takes on God's Big Book" series, where do you sense God's invitation to continue learning, wrestling, researching, discussing or experimenting with?