

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!

CLUB 456

Club 456 is an opportunity for students currently in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade to begin forming relationships with peers, enjoy off-campus opportunities, service opportunities, and growing their faith. Friends are always welcomed and encouraged! We will meet **next Sunday, following worship until 1:00 p.m.**, for lunch, devotion, and games. This group is intended to disciple students in those "tween" years and help them learn about the world outside of themselves while they go through this stage of life.

SOUTHSIDE ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Southside's Adult Leadership Team (SALT) consists of all adult small group leaders, the Deacon Body, the Council of Trustees, and the church staff. These leaders gather each quarter to prayerfully plan, prepare, and align the ministries, programs, and events of Southside to best accomplish our mission.

Check your email for the schedule for next **Sunday, January 24**. A Zoom link will be available for those who are unable to attend in person.



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Inception

The Good Doctor
Gary Lee Webber
January 17, 2021

Passage (read it):

Luke 1:1-4

Principles (know them):

The *development* of the Bible

- A synthesis of human witness and divine inspiration
- 2 Timothy 3:15-16 and 2 Peter 1:21
- Spans 4,000 years; 40 (+/-) authors; 3 languages; multiple genres

The *reliability* of the Bible

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
- See this week's suggested daily readings and discussion guide.
- "If we believe what the best sources say about Julius Caesar, then we should believe what the best sources say about Jesus Christ."
-- Darrell Bock, *Dallas Theological Seminary*
- Council of Nicaea in 325 - The church sets the canon (the books of the Bible)

The *purpose* of the Bible

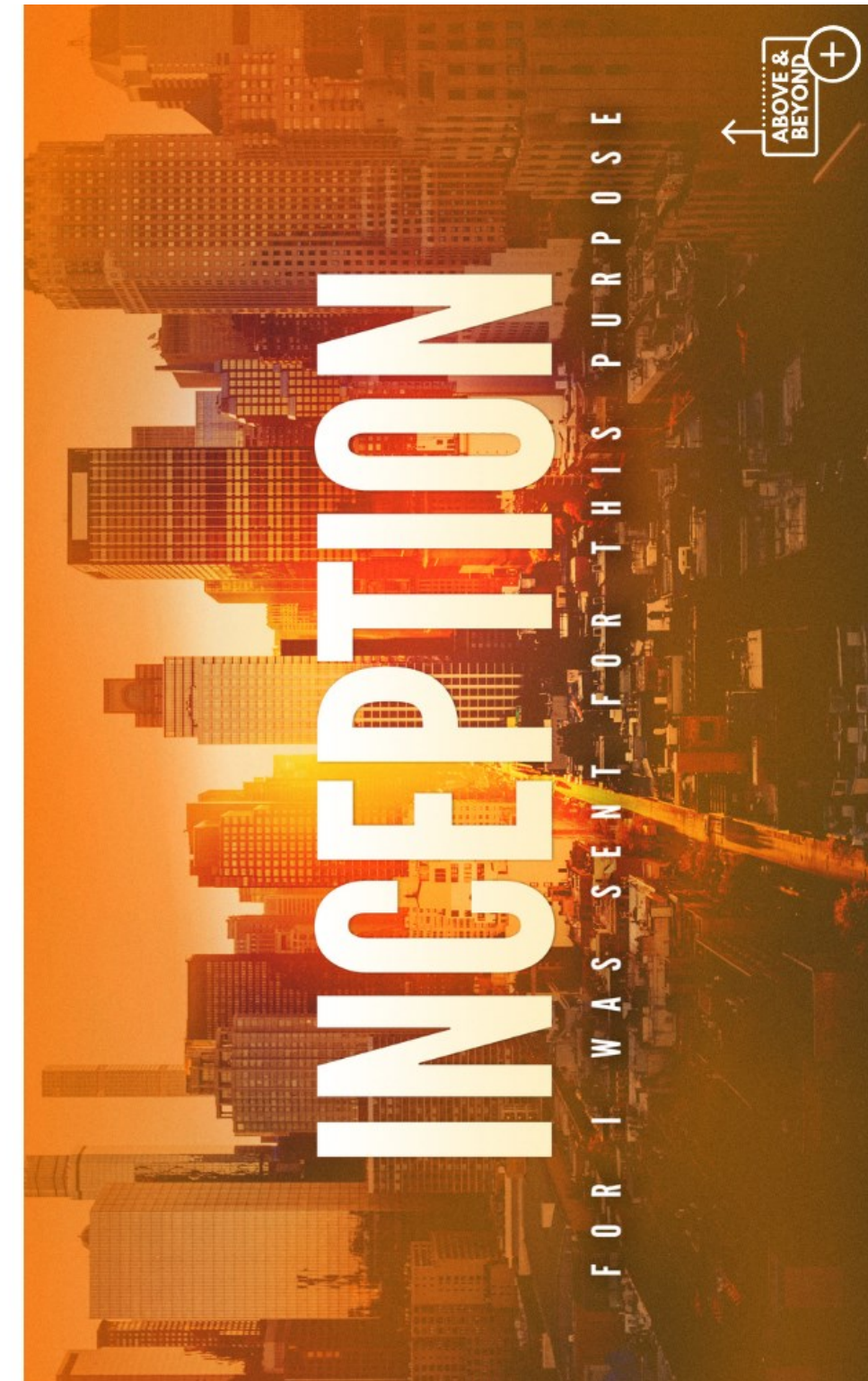
- Luke 1:4; John 20:31; 1 John 5:13
- The assurance of your faith and salvation in Jesus Christ

Practices (do them):

1. Commit to a _____ Bible reading plan.
2. Engage with God's Word in _____.
3. Pray for insight and faith so that the _____ may be _____ in _____.



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tear here to use as a bookmark in your daily reading.

Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. What does the phrase, "you are what you eat" mean? Does it apply to more than eating (example: the people you spend time with, the media you consume, etc.)?

2. There are several instances in the Bible where it refers to itself as food to be consumed. How is the Bible like food and how do we consume it?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

3. Read Ezekiel 3:1-3 and Revelation 10:8-10.

- Describe the similarities between these Old and New Testament passages. How is God's Word both sweet to our taste and sour in our stomachs?
- In his book, *Eat This Book*, Eugene Peterson says, "Sooner or later we find that not everything is to our liking in this book. It starts out sweet to our taste; and then we find that it doesn't sit well with us at all; it becomes bitter in our stomachs. Finding ourselves in this book is most pleasant, flattering even; and then we find that the book is not written to flatter us, but to involve us in a reality, God's reality, that doesn't cater to our fantasies of ourselves."
- Have you ever experienced a sour stomach after reading the Bible? Describe it.
- Remember freshman grade biology? Describe the process of metabolism. How does that relate to these two passages?

4. Read John 1:14; Matthew 4:1-4; Matthew 5:6; John 6:51.

- What does it mean that Jesus is the Word of God made flesh?

- What do Jesus' words in Matthew 4:4 tell you about the importance of God's Word in comparison to the food we eat? What if your appetite for God's Word was stronger than any of your other appetites?
- In light of these verses, what is the significance of Jesus being God's Word made flesh? How does that affect your understanding of consuming God's Word?
- What will you do this week to "consume" more of the Word of God?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

5. Do you have a systematic plan for reading the Bible in 2021? Why or why not? Do you typically read the Bible, or do you consume it? How can you go from only reading to consuming this year? Invite accountability and pray together.

NOTES:

Daily Readings:

Luke begins his Gospel with his motivation and desire for writing this book. There are several other passages throughout the Bible that help us understand how the scripture we read came to be. This week's daily readings will focus on several of these passages. As you read each passage, pay attention to what the text says about the origins and reliability of the Bible. Ask God to increase your desire for Him and His Word.

Day 1: Joshua 1

Day 2: Psalm 119

Day 3: Jeremiah 36

Day 4: John 20

Day 5: 1 John 5

Day 6: 2 Timothy 3

Day 7: Revelation 10

Suggested Resources:

Books:

Eat This Book, by Eugene Peterson
How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, by Gordon Fee and Doug Stewart
Understanding the Bible, by John Stott

Other sermons at ssbc.org:

Burning Scrolls (August 23, 2020)

The Holy Hand Grenade

(February 16, 2020)

Because: Why We Teach from the Bible

(October 22, 2017)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, January 17, 2021

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MEMBERS: Text CONNECT to 904-441-8650 to let us know you're with us today.

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