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This week, groups should discuss week 0, 'How to Read the Bible', and prepare for week 1 by reading Scripture on 'Creation'.

1. To begin with, check in with your small group. What's happened over the last few weeks? Share joys, concerns, and updates. (If your group is meeting for the first time, start by introducing yourselves.)
2. The message for this week begins by differentiating the Bible from three types of books. It is not a history book, not a rule book, and not a magic book. Have you encountered these misunderstandings of the Bible before? What does each of them get wrong about Scripture?
3. If the Bible isn't a work of history, rules, or magic, what then is it? How does Becca describe what Scripture is? What do you agree or disagree with about her definition? (You can read 2 Tim. 3:16-17 if you get stuck.)
4. Read again Psalm 119:97-105. What does this passage tell us about how the Bible can help us grow in faith?
5. What are some common obstacles to reading the Bible regularly and prayerfully? What gets in the way for you or for others? How can we resolve or work around those obstacles?
6. How do you think your life would be different if you incorporated more regular Scripture study and prayer? How can you take a step toward doing so?