

# Deconstructed

## Scripture (Week 3)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

We weaponize Scripture, treating it as a handbook that weighs people down, instead of as a redemptive story.

### Key Scriptures

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17 ESV*

*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. Matthew 7:24-25 ESV*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-5, 14 ESV*

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 ESV*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV*

**We weaponize Scripture so that we can weigh people down.**

**We question God’s commands based on our cultural moment and current experience.**

**We ignore its contents out of indifference and confusion.**

**The lens we view Scripture through:**

The promised redemption of humanity has been and will be fulfilled in Jesus.

**The load-bearing walls:**

1. Scripture is our source for life, love, and faith.
2. Scripture is sufficient for our needs.

**Start talking.**

- Have you ever bought something and found out that you didn’t get what you paid for?
- What’s the worst home-buying or home-renting experience of your life?

**Start thinking.**

- Why do you think deconstruction can sometimes lead to deconversion?
- Ryan mentioned two loadbearing walls that we must keep in mind when we deconstruct Scripture. Are there any you would add?
- Read John 1:1-5, 14. Why do you think Jesus and Scripture are so closely intertwined? How does Scripture point us to Jesus and the fullness of grace and truth that he embodies?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What stands out to you most clearly in this passage?

**Start sharing.**

- Has anyone ever wounded you inappropriately with the words of the Bible?
- Have you ever had a hard time understanding the Bible’s contents? What are some helpful ways that you’ve learned to interpret its message?
- Where are you tempted to question God’s commands or ignore the contents of His Word?

**Start doing.**

- What would it look to love God and love others this week in the way you read and use Scripture?
- How will you approach the Bible differently as a result of this conversation?