

# Origins week 1- 9/10/23

During our sermon series called Origins we encourage you to use the book Invitation by Brian Russell. Below is a summary of the reading to accompany this week's sermon and discussion questions which you may use in your group or personal study time.

This information and Bible Project video suggestions can be found on our website at

<https://www.newlifepismo.com/origins>

## READ

In the "Invitation" Book, read:

- the Preface
- the Introduction.

## DISCUSS

- What is your personal history with the Bible? Did you grow up reading it on your own, being taught it by someone else, or have you been mostly unfamiliar with it?
- Which of these statements resonates with you and your view of scripture the most? Why?  
There's no wrong answer here. 😊

The Bible is God's love letter to us (me).

The Bible is an "answer book".

The Bible is God's instruction manual, showing us how to live.

The Bible is a historical document, chronicling the events of God's people.

The Bible is a collection of a bunch of books written by a bunch of people that fits together kind of messily, or randomly.

The Bible was written by God Himself.

The Bible is confusing.

- What story primarily shapes your life? (Don't just say "the Bible" because you think it's the right answer 😊 )
- What is your story? Briefly share or write out the story of how you came to faith in Jesus? How has your story intersected with the grand tapestry of God's story?