

Video One:

Why Do Catholics Have 7 More Books in Their Bible?

Film Focus: This presentation is a brief explanation of the development of the biblical canon (the list of books contained in the Bible). It gives a short history of why the Catholic and Protestant canons are different.

Text Focus: Pages 44-45

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the Jewish leaders of the first century reject seven books from the Old Testament?
2. For how long did Christians all use the same amount of books in the canon?
3. What books in the Old and New Testaments did this canon include? What books were taken out?
4. When did the Church reject Luther's removal of the books of the Septuagint?

Video Two:

Ways to Read the Bible

Film Focus: Fr. Michael Schmitz describes different the stages that people go through when encountering Sacred Scripture, ultimately explaining what it means to read the Bible like an adult.

Text Focus: Pages 48-50

Discussion Questions:

1. What three “ages” does Fr. Schmitz refer to when we encounter the Bible? Why are none of these satisfying?
2. How are the different kinds of truths found in the Bible described? Give an example of each of these literary genres?
3. How does God use and inspire the biblical authors to communicate what he desires?
4. How can you read the Bible like an adult?