

Title: The Man Who Gave us the Book

Passages: Psalms 119:130, Psalms 37:23; 3 John 5-8, Rom. 16:1-2, Matt. 5:10-12, Phil. 3:13-14, Luke. 23:24



Sermon Application	Helpful Resources
Tyndale's forgiveness was cross-shaped. What about yours? Where's the evidence?	Interesting documentary on the life of Tyndale 

Read the Text
In your group, read the passage out loud, with each person reading a verse.

Head: Grasping the Text
<i>Goal: To grasp the theological concepts and historical context of the text.</i>

1. Read Psalm 119:130. Tyndale believed that when Scripture reached an ordinary, untrained, "inexperienced" person. How does Scripture work as a way to bring spiritual illumination and clarity? In Tyndale's setting, why was he willing to his life over the conviction to bring the Word to the uneducated farm boy?
2. The sermon traces two very different setbacks in Tyndale's life: Bishop Tunstall's rejection of his request for sponsorship, and the shipwreck that destroyed his completed manuscript from Genesis to Deuteronomy. Read Psalm 37:23 and Genesis 50:20. How does each passage describe God's involvement in a closed door or a devastating loss? What's the difference between a God who merely allows a setback and a God who is able to use them for his redemptive purposes?
3. Read 3 John 5–8 and Romans 16:1–2. According to these passages, how does the New Testament describe the relationship between a financial supporter — like Humphrey Monmouth, or Phoebe in Romans 16 — and the ministers actually doing the visible, public work? Why do you think Paul goes out of his way to name and honor these people rather than treating their support as secondary or invisible? How does this encourage you that God uses people differently in the church, but all roles are equally valuable and necessary?

4. Read Luke 23:34 alongside Tyndale's final prayer, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." What specifically makes Tyndale's prayer for his own executioner's king "cross-shaped" rather than simply an act of general kindness, resignation, or a dying man's last wish?

Heart: Assessing Your Internal Transformation

Goal: Examine how the text reshapes our identity, affections, and motivations to bring about honest self-examination.

5. Tyndale's conviction wasn't sudden — the sermon describes it as something shaped at an early age and then over time. What convictions has God been quietly shaping in you, maybe over years or even since childhood? Are you actively nurturing them right now, or have they gone dormant?
6. Think of a time a door closed on something you were confident God was leading you toward — similar to Tyndale's rejection by Bishop Tunstall. In the moment, it may have felt like confusion, failure, or even abandonment. Looking back now, can you see how God may have been redirecting your steps rather than ignoring them? Share what you learned about God's guidance process?
7. The final application asked directly: "Tyndale's forgiveness was cross-shaped. What about yours? Where's the evidence?" Why is this sort of forgiveness difficult and not natural for us? How does studying Scripture, learning about the life of Jesus, etc., help shape the way you seek to live out radical forgiveness?

Hands: Taking Your Next Step

Goal: To move from hearing the Word to living it out as a disciple with specific, practical, and achievable steps for the coming week.

8. What's a practical step you can take to become more of a "gospel patron" by using your resources, money, time, or connections to support gospel ministry without worrying about getting the credit or the spotlight?
9. Tyndale died so this book, the Bible would be within arm's reach. Where does it currently sit in your daily rhythm — read, skimmed, ignored, or unopened? Share what is working for you with your current approach? Or what is one step need to develop a healthy rhythm of being in Scripture?