

God's Book

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An Honest Look at the
Bible's 7 Toughest Topics

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Questions for Discussion or Reflection

Session 1 - Making Sense of Tough Topics

Icebreaker

Name one book (any kind, not necessarily Christian) that surprised you when you learned more about its background or context.

1. In the video, Andrew describes the Bible as a single unfolding story. How does seeing that storyline develop over time help you make better sense of passages that seem puzzling on their own?
2. In John 6:66–68, many of Jesus' disciples turn back after a difficult teaching, but Peter stays, even though he does not fully understand, saying, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' What do you think keeps someone committed to Jesus and to Scripture when parts of it feel difficult, unsettling, or hard to accept?
3. Knowing something about the culture or background behind a passage can often bring clarity. Have you ever had a light-bulb moment that helped you see a verse differently? In addition to God's Book, are there any particular books, podcasts, preachers, or teachers that you've found help bring that context to light?
4. The Bible's story shows ideas like justice and equality developing over time. How does noticing that progression help you read earlier laws or practices that feel strange today? Think about, for example, how the story moves from all people being made in God's image, to God freeing slaves in Exodus, to Jesus forming a new humanity where all are equal.
5. Is there any part of the Bible that you find particularly hard to understand or any teaching that you find hard to accept?
6. Andrew says that mystery is a normal part of faith. How can meeting in a group like this help us wrestle honestly with difficult parts of Scripture?