

# Let's Discuss...The Bible

## PART 3\_Grappling with the Text



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### Key Bible verses:

*A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day that has just  
gone by...*

Psalms 90:4 NIV

The creation of the world  
Genesis 1 & 2

Adam & Eve's original sin  
(sometimes referred to as the  
fall of man)  
Genesis 3

*Therefore shall a man leave  
his father and his mother,  
and shall cleave unto his wife:  
and they shall be one flesh.*  
Genesis 2:24 KJV

God looked at His creation  
and "saw that it was good"  
Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21 & 25

*Then God looked over all He  
had made, and He saw that it  
was very good!*  
Genesis 1:31 NLT

### EPISODE SUMMARY

We are carrying on with our conversation about the Bible! The Bible is made up of a bunch of different books and stories from different moments in time, which is amazing when you think about it...how did it all come together?

We continue to talk about how broad and wonderful it is, how God used people to create it and how it came to be over time...different stories and books, all in one collection! We will also look at how getting stuck into the Bible can be hard but also important to us.

### LET'S DISCUSS...

- Activity! Read Genesis 1 and 2. Create a step-by-step story timeline of these two passages. Can you see any similarities and differences? What are your thoughts on this?
- When looking at the Bible, there are some things we may never be able to understand or prove in this lifetime. What do you think about this? How does this make you feel?
  - » For example, God created the world out of nothing... that takes a faith step to believe!

#### BONUS!

- The Enlightenment was a time in Europe, during the 17th and 18th century, where philosophy and logic led culture and people's thought processes. 'Thinkers' and philosophers emphasised reason and being able to prove things. This led people away from superstition and blind faith and eventually affected how some people valued church and the Bible.
  - » The Bible says that God's thoughts are higher and broader than our own:

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*  
Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

- » How can we hold both an understanding of God and the supernatural while also considering science and facts?

### LET'S PRAY...

*As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*  
Proverbs 27:17 NLT

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truths to you as you read the Bible, whether it's a passage you think seems easy to understand, or one that is difficult to wrestle with. Pray for friends who you can study the Bible alongside, to talk about questions and thoughts you have!

### LET'S GO DEEPER...

- *Literary Styles* by BibleProject [video]
- *Who Wrote the Bible?* by BibleProject [podcast]
- *Enlightenment (Parts I & II)* by Ryan Reeves [videos]

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