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A CONVERSATION KIT ON

THE BIBLE

Conversation Guide

Bible, ep. 2

Episode 2 summary

- The Bible is a divine work of literature, inspired by God. It is reliable and true, but that doesn't necessarily mean what we take away from it is also reliable and true.
- It's important to understand what the words meant *then and there* (exegesis) and use that to learn what it can mean *here and now* (hermeneutics).
- This is why it is vital to place verses in context, so we don't manipulate the text to mean something it doesn't.

1. What is the Bible?
2. The Here and Now
3. The Bible is Weird
4. Themes

Discussion questions

01 Have you or someone you know ever used a verse out of context? Does the meaning of the verse shift when it's placed in context? How so?

02 Does being told to never read a single Bible verse surprise you? Does it make you uncomfortable? What are some verses that you tend to always see by themselves or out of context?

03 Can you think of a verse that is only read in the context of modern day, the *here and now*? Why do you think people forget to consider the *then and there*?

Diving deeper

Read Philippians 4. We gave Philippians 4:13 a hard time in Episode 2, but it's not a bad verse. It's just a victim of consistent "out-of-context-ing." Spend some time processing what Philippians 4:13 means in the context of its chapter. If you need to, read all of Philippians. It's not very long, and it's a wonderful letter!