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A CONVERSATION KIT ON

# THE BIBLE

# Conversation Guide

## Bible, ep. 3

### Episode 3 summary

- There are a lot of uncomfortable parts of the Bible, and these have led many to be skeptical of it.
- Even the heroes of the Bible are messy, and they constantly make mistakes.
- But again, reading in context can help. Reading the Bible in the proper historical and literary context can be difficult, but it's the first step to understanding these hard parts of the Bible.

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

### Discussion questions

**01** Is there a story in the Bible that surprised you with its content? What did you do with that feeling of surprise and/or shock?

**02** How does knowing most, if not all, of the humans in Bible are flawed make you feel? How could it be encouraging to know the heroes of the Bible are messy?

**03** In modern times, the Law of the Old Testament can feel outdated and strange. What are some things we can learn from this old, intricate system of laws and rules?

### Diving deeper

There are more violent, uncomfortable stories in the Bible than can be listed. Remember the words of John Piper about the end of Judges, "This is what happens when human beings run rampant without any restraints." Is John Piper right? Do the violent stories show the depth of human sin? Do you think this statement covers all the violence in the Bible? Why or why not?