

THE BIBLE SERIES Session 1: Introduction to the Bible

INTRODUCTION and watch a VIDEO 1 [Animation Video] A short summary of the bible by Andrew Ollerton. Encouraged to look out for the answer to.....What is the bible. Andrew Ollerton gives three answers

1. It is word shaping literature
2. One big story, with a beginning, middle and end
3. Its revelation

So it's literature, story and revelation. Looking at the world around us, are we in need of experiencing a better story? Why might the Bible offer a better story?

VIDEO 2 [Scripture Reading Video] Psalm 23, Luke 24.19–27,31-32, 2 Timothy 3.14–17 (about 3 mins)

Discussion Time

QUESTIONS

- We talk about the Bible being world-class literature. Do you have a favourite passage, verse or story from the Bible?
- What are your experiences of reading the Bible? What are some of the joys and challenges you've faced with it? What do you love about the bible?
- Does it surprise you that the Bible is one big story? What are the threads linking it all together? Read Luke 24.13–35 and consider the difference of seeing the Bible as one story of miraculous harmony that leads to Jesus can make to you today.
- 'Something mysterious happens when people engage with the Bible.' What do you make of this claim? Have you ever experienced this?

RESPONSE

Read 2 Timothy 3.16 again. Take a moment to reflect on this verse, and write down something from this verse/teaching that has inspired you. Spend time in prayer together that God would speak to you and transform you on this journey through the whole Bible story.

Back together again

VIDEO 3 [Testimony video] (about 3 mins) The people are answering: What I love about the bible and reading it.

NEXT WEEK - Next Session: Session 2: Origins & Meaning

Q. What do you love about the bible? To all.