



Opening Discussion Questions– Session 1

1. On the following scale, where would you rate your current overall understanding of the Bible?

Bible-noob / Bible-aware / Bible-literate / Bible-geek / Uber-Bible-geek!

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(What's a Bible?) (That Jesus guy is in it, right?) (Read some of it!) (Mine has some highlighting!) (Read it all!) (I only read the Alexandrian MSS family!)

2. Have you ever tried to read the Bible all the way through? If so, how far did you get?

3. What have you personally found to be the hardest thing about understanding the Bible?

4. Do you have a favorite Bible translation? If so, which one?

Closing Table Discussion – Session 1

- 1. Which “quick fact” about the Bible from the session stuck out in your mind as the most interesting?**
- 2. How will knowing the overall story (the “edge pieces of the puzzle”) make a difference in your future Bible reading?**
- 3. What difference does it make to know that the Biblical texts were “Inspired” by God, but the translations and transmission of those texts was not?**
- 4. Why do you think God chose to use an often-confusing collection of ancient documents to communicate His word to His people? Why not a simple Divine Bullet-Point Outline or series of timeless truth statements?**

Readings for Next Week’s Session

Day 1: **Genesis chs. 1-5**

Day 2: **Genesis 11:27-13:18**

Day 3: **Genesis 15:1-18:15**

Day 4: **Genesis 22:1-19, 26:1-34**

Day 5: **Genesis chs. 27-28, 32-33 & 35**

Day 6: **Genesis chs. 37, 39-41, 49-50**

Day 7: **Exodus 1:1-4:23, Acts 7:1-50**