

WHAT YOU'RE WONDERING (PART 1)

Genesis 3

Ezekiel 1

2 Timothy 4:1-3

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What is the purpose of biblical prophecy and how should we read and interpret it today??
- Who do you consider brothers and sisters in Christ?

Everyone has questions about Jesus, the Bible, or how they can best live out their faith. Sometimes those questions are speculative and sometimes those questions are vital. The best way to answer these questions is to plunge in and explore scripture. The more scripture we explore the better we get at discerning the importance of our questions. So in this program, we explore together your questions about Adam and Eve, Jesus existence during the time between Good Friday and Easter, prophecy, and sound doctrine.

Reflection

After listening, consider:

- How do you handle speculative questions about the Bible - either your own questions or someone else's? How do you decide if a question is important for your faith and how you live it?
- Do you enjoy reading prophecy? Why or why not?
- In segment 2, Scott Hoezee offers this definition of prophecy: "Prophecy is not just predicting the future. It is not foretelling future events; it is forthtelling the truth of God for also this present moment; it is an interpreting of the times, present and future, in the light of God." How does this definition compare with your earlier reflection? How might it affect the way you read biblical prophecy in the future?
- Recognizing sound doctrine and recognizing our brothers and sisters in Christ begins with the central belief in Christ the Son of God as our Savior and Lord. If that's the crux, when is it beneficial to discuss things that aren't vital to our salvation? What are the benefits and drawbacks to separating ourselves based on such beliefs or preferences? What does it mean to you to identify someone as brother/sister in Christ even if you don't agree?

Related Passages

- **Deuteronomy 29:29**
- **Isaiah 53**
- **John 1:1-18**

- **Hebrews 1:1-4**

Conclusion

When you have questions about the Bible and your faith, seek answers, but considering reading Deuteronomy 29:29 and praying this prayer first, as a way to root your searching in God's revelation.

Dear Heavenly Father, you've created us to be inquisitive and blessed us with the gift of curiosity. Provide your Holy Spirit to guide me as I encounter questions both curious and pressing in nature throughout my faith journey. Grant me discernment to recognize when my questions are speculative and when they are vital to my faith; grant me wisdom to embrace Deuteronomy 29:29. May my questions lead to growth in faith and a deeper relationship with you. In Jesus name, amen.

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