

Small Group Notes: 2 August 2026

Theme: God's Book

Thank you to Dr Andrew Ollerton, and his book "God's Book", and the Study Series and the small group questions for this week. You can find more material on

www.andrewollerton.com

Warm Up Question:

If you could ask God one big question about the Bible or faith – without fear of being judged – what would it be?

Discussion time:

- What do you find the hardest to understand or accept about the Bible?

Read: Luke 24: 13-35 (how to see the big picture)

- Jesus met two confused disciples after his resurrection and gave an incredible Bible study. Which passages or stories do you think Jesus pointed too?
- What did the disciples experience as Jesus explained the Old Testament to them (vs.32)?
- How does it change our experience of the Bible to see it as one big story that centres on Jesus?

Read: John 6:60-69 (how to handle hard teachings)

- Jesus' disciples struggled with some things he taught (vs.60). How do you normally respond when you encounter tough teachings or problem passages in the Bible?
- What unhelpful responses might we make when the Bible seems to conflict with what culture teaches or our personal experiences?
- How did Peter respond (Vs.68-69)? What can help us trust Jesus even when we don't have all the answers?

Reflection:

- Take a few quiet moments and write down:
 - One part of the Bible that confuses or troubles you.

- One thing that draws you to keep exploring further.
- Pray on your own or together with others and offer these honestly to God, asking Him to meet you in your questions.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank you for giving us your Word – even when it's hard to understand. Thank you for being free to ask questions and wrestle honestly. Help us see the big story of the Bible and trust you as we explore its toughest parts together. Amen.

The week ahead:

Message a friend this week about what you have been reading in the Bible. Share something that's been hard to understand or accept and something you've found inspiring or encouraging.

Have a very blessed week,

Tim.