

What You're Wondering (Part 1)

Throughout the year, you've contacted Groundwork by email, letter, and through Facebook for help digging into scripture to answer your questions about the Bible, theology, and living your faith. Today we dig into scripture to discuss topics like what scripture doesn't tell us, prophecy, and sound doctrine.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- 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?



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READ [Genesis 3](#), [Ezekiel 1](#), [2 Timothy 4:1-3](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- 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 of separating ourselves based on such beliefs or preferences? What does it mean to you to identify someone as a brother/sister in Christ even if you don't agree?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[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 consider 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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