

WELCOME [KNOWING EACH OTHER DEEPER]

Let's make everyone feel welcome, especially the new faces in the group.

Connect Question: What has been the hardest thing for you to understand about the Bible?

WORSHIP [TAKE OUR LOVE FOR GOD DEEPER]

Let praise flow from my lips, for you have taught me your decrees.

Let my tongue sing about your word, for all your commands are right.

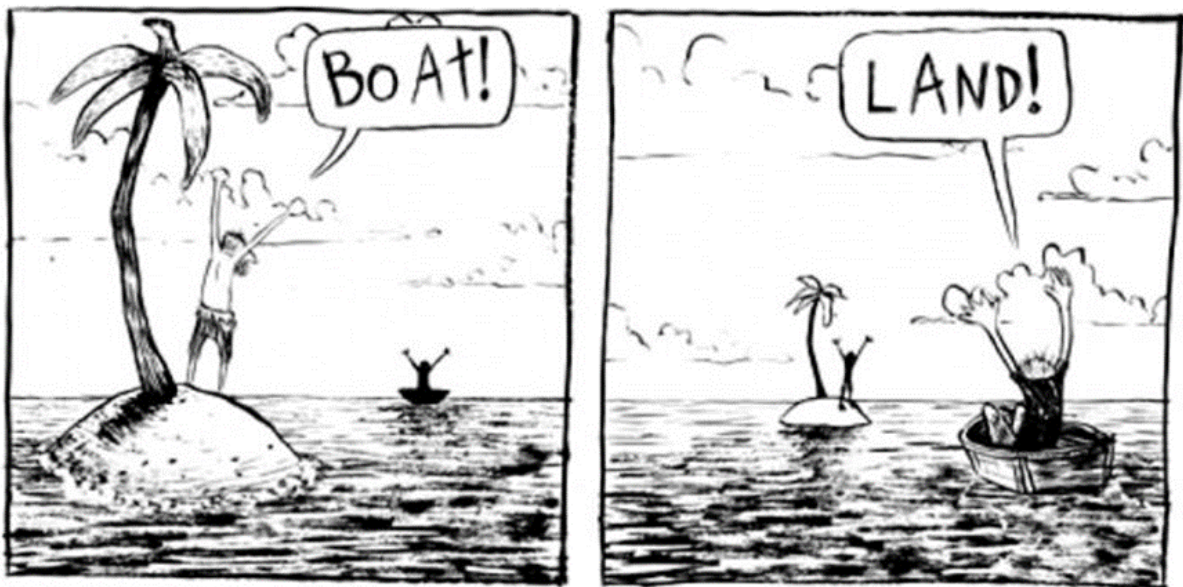
Psalms 119: 171-172 (NLT)

WORD [LIVING DEEPER FOR HIM]

How we see things: Have you been to watch a movie or a show, and as you leave you feel that was the WORST thing you have ever seen? Just as you are about to tell your friends who watched with you, one of them says 'that was the BEST things I have seen'! To a similar degree the same thing can happen regarding some theological topics in the Bible (leading to divided factions in our Christian world). Different perspectives may hold true to certain degree's, and should therefore not to be totally ignored.

Some things are difficult to understand:

- Ask the group 'how does an infinite God describe who He is to mortal man?'
 - Some topics are not true in just one way, but also in depth of nature
 - God uses the Bible to reveal as much as possible to us, yet it can still mean slightly different things, depending on your Biblical worldview



- Read **2 Peter 3:16 (NIV)**
 - In your understanding, what does this verse mean to you?
 - How do you safeguard against distorting scripture to suite yourself?
 - Make sure it is fitting into the Bible as a whole
 - Try and get two or three verses that speak to the same thing
 - What are we responsible to convey?
 - We are to promote peace amongst churches, and not 'BAD MOUTH' others

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The Bible has so many layers and elements to it. There are principles that are unshakable (like Jesus being the only way to Heaven), but we should rather steer away from theological debate that gets destructive. Some debate is healthy, but be big enough to maybe agree to disagree in certain instances. The Bible clearly say we know in PART, and one day we will know completely. Let's focus on our similarities with other believers, and find contentment living in the mysteries of our great Creator, and simply do well what it is that God has called and given us to do!

WORKS [GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER]

Let's pray for:

- God to always guide us through His Word, and by His Spirit. That we won't get caught up arguing and not doing what we have been called to do
- Any special needs in the group