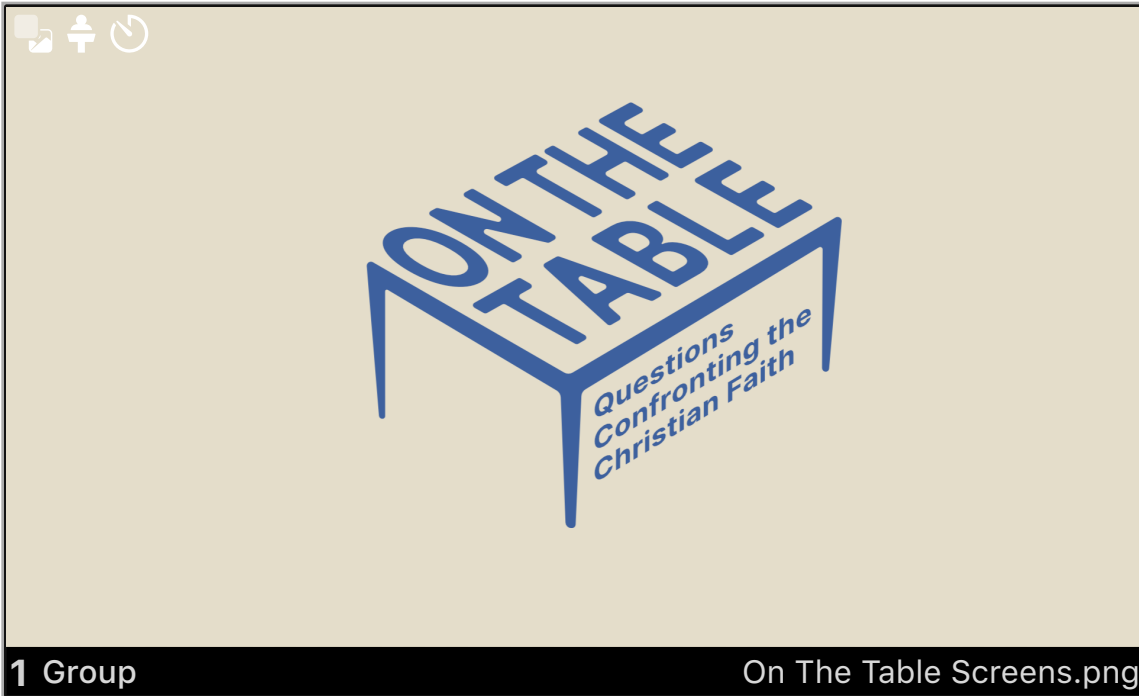


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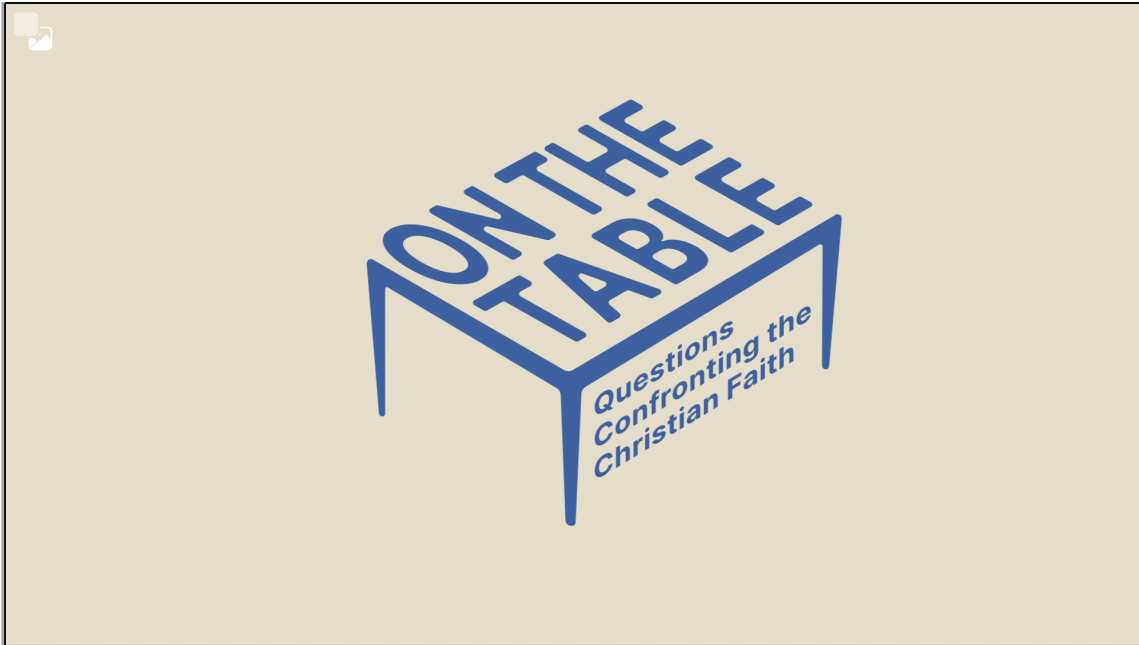
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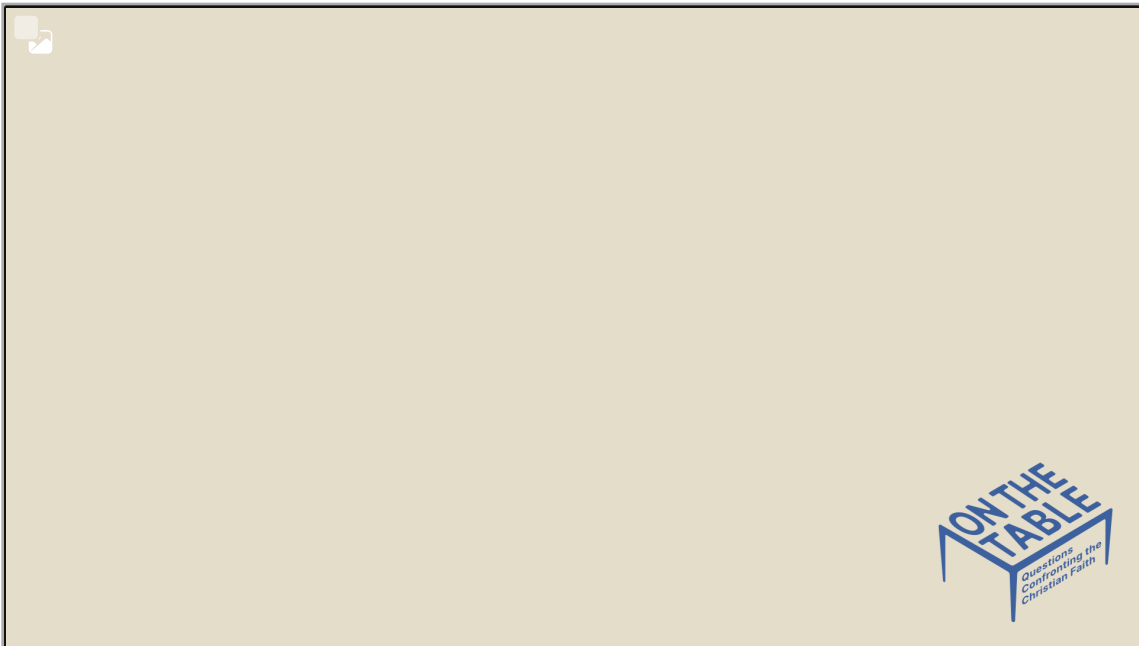
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Ephesians 2:1

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Ephesians 2:1, 4-6

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**“If we value comfort more than character, then trials will upset us. If we value the material and the physical more than the spiritual, we will not be able to count it all joy. If we live only for the present and forget the future, then trials will make us bitter, not better.”**

**Warren Wiersbe**

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**James 1:2-4**

**Father, I know that I have sinned, and I believe Jesus died to pay for my sins. I believe He rose from the dead and from this day forward I give myself to you. I surrender my whole life to You, to live for You first. Thank You for making me your child today and giving me Your Holy Spirit.**

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