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• What are your initial reactions to the film?

• We talk about the Bible being world-class literature. Do you have a favourite passage, verse or story from the Bible?

• What are your experiences of reading the Bible? What are some of the joys and challenges you’ve faced with it? Do you find it easy, difficult, confusing, enriching?

• Does it surprise you that the Bible is one big story? What are the threads linking it all together?

Read Luke 24.13–35 and consider the difference seeing the Bible as one story of miraculous harmony that leads to Jesus can make to you today.

• ‘Something mysterious happens when people engage with the Bible.' What do you make of this claim? Have you ever experienced this?

**Response Time**

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