
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your initial reaction to this topic? What jumped out at you?
2. Think of things like satire websites or “fake news.” Why is it important to understand context when you are reading, hearing, or seeing something? Share an example or story if you have one.
3. Give an example of how context helped you understand a confusing Bible passage, or how context changed a view you previously held.
4. Think about books, movies, TV, news accounts, or simply talking about recent events in your life with a friend. Why do you think stories are so common across cultures?
5. What’s a story you love? Why? What does this story illustrate about the power stories can have in our lives?
6. “In life, we tend to think in familiar, well-worn paths.” Explain how you’ve seen this to be true in your own life. How have you seen people break out of vicious cycles or pointless ruts?
7. How can the Bible’s different types of literature and genres reach all of us right where we are?
8. Write a personal action step based on this conversation.