



## Discussion Guide for “How to Read Epistles”

### *How the Bible Works* Week 11

The idea that the Bible contains mythology makes a lot of us uncomfortable. But just like other genres, myth is there on purpose - and vital to our formation as God's people. So how does myth work, exactly?

#### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Genesis 1:1-2:3](#)

[Genesis 2:4-25](#)

[Psalm 89](#)

[2 Timothy 3:15-17](#)

#### Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Genesis 2:4-25](#).

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “myth”? How is this similar or different from what JR. and Sue discussed?
2. When were the mythologies at the beginning of the Bible compiled and edited? Why is that setting important for understanding the meaning?
3. What are some key differences between the Enuma Elish and Genesis 1? Why do those differences matter?
4. Review the movement in Genesis 1 from ‘formless and empty’ to ‘formed and filled’. What does this have to say about who God is and our relationship to God?
5. What does it mean to say God moves us from chaos to order? What does that mean for your week?