

THE SURPRISING REBIRTH OF BELIEF IN GOD by Justin Brierley

Chapter 2: The New Conversation on God

- 1. Who is Peter Boghossian, and what caused the shift in his perspective towards Christianity?
- 2. In what way has the grand story of the Christianity narrative and its key assumptions historically helped people in their life? Have you always had this grand story to help you?
- 3. With the sidelining of objective truth, what does Brierley say has become the new arbiter of truth and identity today? How have you seen this play out around you?
- 4. Why does Brierley believe that the phenomenon known as "expressive individualism" leading people to search for their "authentic self" has contributed to a mental health crisis? Does this ring true to you?
- 5. What does Brierley suggest that explains why Jordan Peterson has drawn such a following? Do you know anyone enamored with Peterson, and if so, why do you think that is?
- 6. In the absence of the shared narrative and identity that Christianity gave us, what do the journalists, pundits and personalities of Murray, Rubin and Weiss notice that the endless competing narratives and identities have in common?
- 7. What led popular historian Tom Holland, author of the book *Dominion*, to "realize that actually, in almost every way, I am a Christian"? Would you agree with him?
- 8. Do you think recognizing the social utility of Christianity is enough to save the West from its meaning and identity crisis? Why or why not?