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1 Creation- Genesis 1:1-26

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Read Genesis 1:1-26 at least 2 times

Retell Genesis 1:1-26 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? (*used here or at the end*)

How did God create?

- What does this say about the power and authority of the Word of God?

Optional depending on context: Write out or list together what God created on each day

- Notice it was without form and empty (1:2). God created by forming (the heavens/sky (6-8), water (9-10), and land (9-10)) and then filling (vegetation (11-12), stars, moon, sun (14-18), fish and sea creatures (20-23), birds (21), land animals (24-25) and humans (26-28))

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

“There is one God and He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler and Judge. He created through His powerful Word. He is the rightful authority over everything.”

Write out a prayer.



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2 Humanity Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-25

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week *"There is one God and He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler and Judge. He created through His powerful Word. He is the rightful authority over everything."*

Read Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-25 at least 2 times

Retell Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-25 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What was man's (humanities) purpose?

What did humanity "need"?

What did God think of His creation?

Why did God create the woman?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

"God created humans male and female to be His image-bearers and to rule over the rest of His creation under God's rule. Humans had everything they needed and were to fill the earth with the glory or greatness of God."

Write out a prayer.



3 The Fall Genesis 3:1-24

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week: In Genesis 1 and 2 we discovered that God existed in the “beginning”. God is the only eternally existing being. There is one God and He is Creator, Sustainer, Ruler and Judge. He created through His powerful Word (He spoke and it was so). He is the rightful authority over everything. God created humans male and female to be His image bearers and to rule over the rest of His creation under God’s rule. Humans had everything they needed and were to fill the earth with the glory or greatness of God. God saw all that He had created and it was “very good”.

Read Genesis 3:1-24 at least 2 times

Retell Genesis 3:1-24 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? (*used here or at the end*)

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

Helpful discovery questions:

Read 3:20-24 what does God do that has a bearing on our current condition as humans? What in this passage (20-24) gives hope?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

“God is the rightful judge of His creation. Humanities sin was a choosing of self and other things over God and His provision. Humanities rebellion has brought about all the suffering and brokenness we experience every day. God held humanity accountable and the whole of creation suffers and groans under sin.”

Write out a prayer.



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4 The Flood (God judges and saves) Genesis 6:5-14, 17-19, 22, 7:1, 7:15-24, 8:1, 8:14-9:1

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

Humanities sin was a choosing of self and other things over God and His provision. Humanity's rebellion has brought about all the suffering and brokenness we experience every day. God held humanity accountable and the whole of creation suffers and groans under sin. God is the rightful judge of His creation.

Read Genesis 6:5-14, 17-19, 22, 7:1, 7:15-24, 8:1, 8:14-9:1 at least 2 times

- *It is helpful to print out these isolated verses for reading and observation. This story is 3 chapters long. The selected verses are trying to capture the story without being too much for one study*

Retell Genesis 6:5-14, 17-19, 22, 7:1, 7:15-24, 8:1, 8:14-9:1 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What stands out about Noah?

What did God say he was going to establish with Noah (6:18)?

What was "destroyed" in the flood? Why?

What do you think it means that God "remembered" Noah and the animals?

What was the first thing Noah and his family did after they landed on dry ground (8:20)?

What did God promise never to do again (8:21-22)?

What is Noah to do according to 9:1? Where have we seen this before (Genesis 1:28)?

What does it mean for humanities ongoing purpose in the earth?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

"God is just and will punish sin and is gracious and will provide salvation."

Write out a prayer.



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Genesis 6:5-14 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

Genesis 6:17-19, 22 For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female...22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7:1, 15-24 Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. 15 They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. 16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in. 17 The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. 21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. 23 He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

Genesis 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

Genesis 8:14-9:1 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. 15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark. 20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.



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5 Humans Still in Rebellion Genesis 11:1-9 *(This story may be summarized and not used as a separate study. The main point is that even after the flood humanity was still rejecting God's purposes- here they were refusing to fill the earth and were focusing on making a name for themselves and "reaching" to heaven without looking to God.)*

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

God is just and will punish sin and is gracious and will provide salvation.

Read Genesis 11:1-9 at least 2 times. Retell Genesis 11:1-9 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

Whose name did they want to make a name for? Whose name was humanity created to make a name for?

Where did the people NOT want to go (11:4)? Where were the people/humans supposed to go (Gen 1:28, 9:1)?

In your own words what was wrong with what the humans were doing?

In verse 6 of ch 11 the Lord says they are all one and nothing will be impossible for them to do. Why is this a bad thing? What were they wanting to do compared to what they were supposed to do?

What did the Lord do to the people according to verse 8 of ch 11?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

"God did something about the rebellion of humans who only wanted to make a name for themselves without God's blessing. God's purposes of filling the earth with His glory through His image bearers was continued by God. Culture was created at this moment and culture was intended to bring God glory."

Write out a prayer.



6 The Blessing being restored Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 17:1-8, 18:17-19, 22:15-18, 26:2-5, 28:13-14 (Acts 3:24-26, Gal. 3:8-9, 16)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

God did something about the rebellion of humans who only wanted to make a name for themselves without God's blessing. God's purposes of filling the earth with His glory through His image bearers was continued by God. As God calls Abraham, he still has this in mind.

Read Genesis Genesis 12:1-3 (15:1-6, 17:1-8, 18:17-19, 22:15-18, 26:2-5, 28:13-14) 2 times. Retell Genesis Genesis 12:1-3 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Note: *the calling of Abraham is essential to understanding really the whole of the Bible story and what God is doing. In this discovery study there should be a concentration on Genesis 12:1-3. Genesis 15:1-6, 17:1-8, 18:17-19, 22:15-18 are all restatements of this initial call in Genesis 12. These passages can add some specifics- Gen 15 highlights that it is faith in God's promises and provision that makes one righteous (15:6), Gen 17 states "kings shall come from you" and this covenant is everlasting, Gen 18 highlights Abraham's "relationship" with God, Gen 22 is highlighting Abraham's obedience and God is the provider. Gen 26 is repeating this promise to Isaac and Gen 28 to Jacob/Israel. Use these only as needed for your context or just for you as a teacher/facilitator to be familiar with. This module should focus on understanding Genesis 12:1-3 and God's desire to restore His blessing to fallen humanity.*

Helpful discovery questions for Gen 12:1-3:

What did God promise Abraham?

What did God say he was going to do through Abraham?

In light of Genesis 11 and the tower of Babel, what is God immediately up to now?

Is there anything in Abraham's calling that sounds like what God said in creating humans in general?

What is God's purpose for Abraham in the world?



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Optional: Genesis 15, 17, 18, and 22 are reaffirming the initial call. So mainly we are looking for anything added from these passages, so we can look a little quicker through these. Gen 26 and 28 are extending the promise to Isaac and Jacob.

Based on Genesis 12 (15, 17, 18, and 22) as a group write a one sentence summary of God's purpose(s) for Abraham in calling him out.

Optional depending on context: Read Acts 3:24-26, Gal. 3:8-9, 16 Who/what is the "seed" of Abraham and the blessing to the nations according to Acts and Galatians?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

"God set about to bless all the nations. The whole of the world belongs to God and He means to redeem and restore what sin has broken. For His glory among the nations to the end of the earth God goes about to bless all nations and families of the earth through the seed of Abraham."

Write out a prayer.



7 God will Provide Genesis 22:1-19

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

"The whole of the world belongs to God and He means to redeem and restore what sin has broken. For His glory among the nations to the end of the earth God goes about to bless all nations and families of the earth through the seed of Abraham."

Read Genesis 22:1-19 at least 2 times

Retell Genesis 22:1-19 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? (*used here or at the end*)

Helpful discovery questions:

Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac (v. 1)? What do you think God was testing?

What did Abraham say he and Isaac were going to the mountain to do (v. 5)?

Why do you think Abraham called this sacrificing of Isaac worship? What would that mean worship is at its heart (obviously not just singing songs or going to church)?

How did God provide for Abraham? In verse 14 what is this mountain called?

In verse 18 what promise is repeated and reconfirmed in Abraham?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

Summary: *"Abraham serves as an example of faith. He believed God would provide as God had promised. In this particular situation God provided a ram to be the sacrifice so that the only and beloved son of Abraham did not have to die. God was picturing His future provision for mankind in sending His only and loved Son to die so that those who would place their faith in Him could live."*

Write out a prayer.



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8 Passover Exodus 12:1-32 (*Just discover Exodus 12:1-32 or use selected verses- 11:4-12:13, 12:21-32 (11:4-10, 12:1-6, 12:7-13, 12:21-28, 12:29-32)*)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“Abraham serves as an example of faith. He believed God would provide as God had promised. In this particular situation, God provided a ram to be the sacrifice so that the only and beloved son of Abraham did not have to die. God was picturing His future provision for mankind in sending His only and loved Son to die so that those who would place their faith in Him could live.”

Read Exodus 12:1-32 at least 2 times

Retell Exodus 12:1-32 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? (*used here or at the end*)

Helpful discovery questions:

According to 12:12 what was God doing?

According to verse 13 and 23, what was the blood to be and cause God to do?

In how many of the homes did “death” visit? Explain

As a picture or parable of salvation what do we learn? How were the people delivered or saved?

According to verse 14 and 24, how long were they to keep this passover? Should we still obey this command today? How?(Mt 26:17, 26-29; Mk 14:12, 22-25, Lk 22:7, 14-20)

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

Summary:

God’s people were passed over by death and delivered from slavery through the shed blood of lambs being applied to their doorpost. Jesus who is the Lamb of God, celebrated this meal with His disciples the night before He was to shed His blood. We are told to keep this Passover, remembering Jesus until He comes.

Write out a prayer.



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9 God's good Law Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1 (30:11-20) *(the Law of God may be summarized in the discovery study on the Passover above instead of being a separate lesson)*

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

"God rescues His people- God is the deliverer. God rescued His people through the "blood of a lamb". The people of God were delivered in order to serve God and be His people among the nations. Israel was to be an example or light to the nations. This idea of being a distinct people is in keeping with the promise to Abraham to through him bless all the nations, peoples, or families."

Read Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1 at least 2 times

Retell Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

According to 10:12 what is at the heart of God and His Law that God wants for His people?

According to 10:13 who is keeping the Law good for? Why is keeping the Law of God good for His people?

Does it surprise you to see love for God and others as the heart of the Commands?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

Summary:

God's Law is given to God's people for their good. God's Law is an expression of who He is and what His people should be in the world. In other words God's Law is about being His restored image-bearers and is not just an arbitrary list of rules. God's people live out God's Law, ultimately written on their hearts and minds as a light to humanity.

Write out a prayer.



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10 The New Covenant Promised Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Ezekiel 36:22-28, Luke 22:20, 1 Cor. 11:25, Hebrews 8:8-12)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“God rescued His people and gave them His good Law. Obey God and love Him they would remain in the land. But if they turn to idols and dishonor God they would be sent into captivity (Deut 30:11-20), Moses dies without entering and Joshua takes the reins and leads them into the promised land (Deut 31:1-6. Joshua 1:1-3). After settling into the promised land the story of Judges is cycles of sin and deliverance “everyone did what was right in their own eyes (Judges 17:6, 21:25; Judges 2:16-23). God’s people did reject God and desired a king instead of God like all the other nations. The people were continually disobedient to the covenant and God did exactly what He promised- sent them into exile and captivity. The people needed a forever reigning king and deliverer, prophet and priest- a Messiah is expected, promised, and longed for. The people needed rescue from their own sinful rebellious hearts. This rescue is exactly what God promised to do.”

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 at least 2 times

Retell Jeremiah 31:31-34 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What was wrong with the Old Covenant (v 32)?

What was God going to do to “fix” the problem of the Old Covenant?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

Summary:

God promised to change His people’s heart and forgive them of their sin. HOW would God do this?

Write out a prayer.



11 The Messiah- God's Suffering Servant Isaiah 52:13-53:12

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

"God himself has shown that He alone is able to restore His blessing (His presence, provision, and favor) to His people. God must and does punish sin. But God is also the merciful provider of salvation. God has sent prophets, priests, and kings but all have fallen short of being the final and full answer. God throughout the Old Testament has promised to send the Prophet, the King, the Priest- the Messiah or anointed One to be the ultimate and full and final rescuer. Isaiah 53 captures the essence of this Messiah's work as the suffering servant bearing the iniquities of His People."

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12 at least 2 times

Retell Isaiah 52:13-53:12 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

In 53:4-6 why does it say the Servant was being punished or rejected? What was He doing in bearing this?

What do you think the reference to a "lamb" (7) would have brought up in their minds?

What does verse 9 tell us about the Servant's "guilt"?

Though it was sinful man rejecting Him, whose will was it ultimately (10)?

In verse 10, do we see resurrection? Explain *(offering=death but then it says He shall see offspring and His days prolonged)*

What is this "atoning" work doing for His people ultimately (11)?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary:

God's promises ultimately point to a Messiah who will be the Prophet we must listen to, the forever King we must be loyal to and obey, and the Priest offering an acceptable sacrifice for the people. Isaiah 53 shows us that the sacrifice offered is the Messiah, the suffering servant himself being offered for His people.

Write out a prayer.



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12 Birth of Christ/John Lamb of God (Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20, **Matthew 1:18-2:15**, John 1:1-18, 29-30)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“God was sending a Messiah who would be a great prophet and forever reigning King. But the prophet Isaiah indicates that one of the things this great Prophet King would do is suffer greatly for His people. When Jesus is born one has to ask, “Is this the Messiah—the promised prophet and forever King?””

Read Matt 1:18-2:15 at least 2 times

Retell Matt 1:18-2:15 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? (*used here or at the end*)

Helpful discovery questions:

According to verses 18 and 20 how did Mary conceive a child?

Why was the child named “Jesus” (21)?

What does Immanuel mean (23)? How is Jesus “God with us”?

What did the “wise men” come to see and to do (2:1-2)?

According to 2:6, what was Jesus coming to be and do?

What did the wise men do when they saw the baby (2:11)? Why?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary:

God’s sending of Jesus to be born of a virgin and in fulfillment of all the promises of God was God making good on all of His promises to His people to come and deliver them from their slavery to sin. Jesus came as the Lamb of God.

Write out a prayer.



13 Jesus has God's Authority to Teach, Forgive Sins, and Heal Mark 2:1-12

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

"Jesus was sent and came in human flesh as promised. He came uniquely born as the Word of God made flesh. He came as a deliverer and savior- to save His people from their sins as the Lamb of God. Jesus revealed in word and deed that He had God's authority to teach, forgive, and heal."

Read Mark 2:1-12 at least 2 times

Retell Mark 2:1-12 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What was Jesus doing in the house (2:2) that the people were gathered for?

Verse 5 says Jesus "saw their faith". What were these friends doing in verses 3-4 that was an expression of faith? How was this faith?

What was this man's greatest need? What did Jesus see as His primary need (5)? Why did the Scribes have a problem with Jesus forgiving sins?

Which is easier to say, "your sins are forgiven" or "get up and walk"? and why?

In healing the man, an obvious miracle, what did Jesus want them to know (10)?

Who did the people glorify bc of Jesus' interaction here (12)? What does that say about who Jesus was representing?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways? What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary: *"Jesus "proved" with His words and actions that He had God's authority to teach about the Kingdom of God, forgive sins against God, and heal the physical brokenness of humanity. In other events Jesus demonstrated His authority over nature and even death. When Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Him, He wants us all to know He is speaking the truth and is operating with the authority of God when He does."*

Write out a prayer.



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14 Passover/Garden of Gethsemane Matt 26:1-46 (Luke 22:7-23, 39-46)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“Jesus taught about, demonstrated, and proved that He had God’s authority in God’s Kingdom. He was bringing the Kingdom near. Jesus clearly taught that He had come not just to bring the Kingdom near but to make a way for sinful people to be forgiven and brought into God’s Kingdom. Before going to the cross Jesus explained what His death was about.”

Read Matt 26:1-46 at least 2 times

Retell Matt 26:1-46 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

Why do you think Jesus told them before it happened that He was going to be put to death in Jerusalem (26:2, 12, 28)?

What do you know about the Passover and how is it significant in understanding Jesus’ death (26:26-29)?

What “cup” do you think Jesus was referring to (Matt 26:39, Jer 25:15, Isaiah 51:17, Revelation 14:10, 16:19)?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways? What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary: *“Jesus was sent by the Father to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. His death was connected with Passover- through the shed blood of the spotless Lamb of God, we can escape death. Jesus was willing to drink the cup of God’s righteous wrath against sin.”*

Write out a prayer.



15 Jesus' Death John 19

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

"Jesus was not just willing to die. Jesus himself said, he was willingly laying His life down. This was according to the will of the father and for the needs of His people- forgiveness of sins. "

Read John 19 at least 2 times

Retell John 19 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

Why did the Jews want Him crucified (19:7)?

Where does Jesus say Pilate got his authority (19:11)? What does Jesus mean? And what does that mean about Jesus' death- who was "authorizing" it?

Why so much emphasis on Jesus being the King of the Jews? Was He actually their King? Explain

In verse 30, Jesus said "It is finished". Based on the story line of the Bible we looked at, what do you understand Jesus to mean?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways? What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary: *"Jesus willingly died, according to the Father's will. In dying, Jesus announced that "It was finished". The work of salvation had been done. The blood for forgiveness had been shed and the veil of the temple had been torn open so that mankind now had a way back to God."*

Write out a prayer.



16 Jesus' Resurrection Luke 24

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

"Jesus willingly died on behalf of His people. But what about the promise of a forever reigning King? Does His death mean sin won? What would be the evidence that His payment was sufficient?"

Read Luke 24 at least 2 times

Retell Luke 24 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What were they going to the tomb expecting to find (24:1)?

Why do you think that even though they had been told they still did not expect Jesus to be raised to life (24:5-8)?

What did Jesus look to in explaining who He is and what He had done (24:27, 44-46)?

What were the Apostles to do now that Jesus had died and been raised (24:47-48)?

Are we to be doing the same thing still? Why or why not?

What is the "promise of the Father" spoken of in 24:48-49 (Acts 1:4-5, 8) and what was the promise to "power" them to do?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God's ways? What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary: *"Jesus conquered death and sin. He was raised from the dead as the evidence of who He is and that He was victorious. He NOW serves as the forever reigning King."*

Write out a prayer.



Creation to Christ

17 The Birth of the Church Acts 2 (2:1-47 or summarize some parts and use 2:22-37 or summarize and use 2:36-47)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“Jesus who came to seek and save the lost and to serve by giving His life as a ransom for His people, has now been crucified, buried, and raised just as He said He would do. Jesus has conquered death as the suffering servant bearing the iniquities of His people. He has taught them about God’s Kingdom for 40 days and has instructed them to wait for Him to send the Holy Spirit which will empower them to be His witnesses, tell His story.”

Read Acts 2:36-47 at least 2 times

Retell Acts 2:36-47 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What is Peter’s summary conclusion in verse 36 explaining what God has done in and through Jesus?

According to 2:37-38, 41 how should one respond to the Good News? How does someone become a Christian?

What 2 things are promised for those who repent and believe in Jesus (38)?

What did this first church begin doing together (42-47)? What does it mean that they were devoted to these things? Where did they learn to live like this?

What does this activity say about the purpose and function of the church and is it relevant for the church today?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves? SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will... Who can you tell?

Summary: *“Jesus’ church, His people, filled with the Holy Spirit began being a community of faith doing life together and engaging their world with the good news of Jesus. This is God’s people serving as an outpost of the Kingdom of God on the earth extending the restored blessing of God in Jesus to their neighbors and the nations.”*

Write out a prayer.



Creation to Christ

18 The Church (Who is it and what does she do?) 1 Peter 1:22-2:12

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“Jesus said that He would “build His church” (Matt 16:18). Church literally means an assembly or congregation of “gathered” people. So who is Christ’s church? And what is the church supposed to be doing in the world?”

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:12 at least 2 times

Retell 1 Peter 1:22-2:12 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? (*used here or at the end*)

Helpful discovery questions:

Who is the church according to 2:9-10 (note: the “you” in these verses is plural= “you all are a...”)?

What significance and function does each description have (“chosen race”, “royal priesthood”, “holy nation”, “a people for His own possession”)?

Looking at the whole passage what are God’s people to “do” (make a list)?

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

Summary: *“The church is the people of God who have been “born again” and have eternal life through repentance and faith in Jesus the Messiah. The church is God’s holy (set apart) people who are in Christ and have His Spirit . The church has the blessing of God (peace, presence, provision, and favor) restored and is to extend God’s blessing to the world through the Gospel!”*

Write out a prayer.



Creation to Christ

19 Revelation (21-22) new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27; 22:1-7)

What is something this week that you are thankful to God for?

What is something hard for you that we can pray for?

Review last week

“Jesus came, lived, died, and was raised and ascended to heaven. From heaven Jesus gives the promised Holy Spirit to His church (all who repent and believe in Jesus). By His Spirit, all disciples are to make disciples by proclaiming the Gospel, baptizing believers, and teaching one another to obey Jesus and make more disciples. The church is to be faithful to His mission until He comes again.”

Read Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27; 22:1-7 at least 2 times

Retell Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27; 22:1-7 in your own words

What is the main point of this passage in 1-2 sentences? *(used here or at the end)*

Helpful discovery questions:

What do we learn about God, Jesus, or God’s ways?

What do we learn about humans, ourselves?

SPACE

How can you obey or respond to this passage? I will...

Who can you tell?

Summary: *“Jesus will have His bride, God will have His people from every language, tribe, nation and tongue. God has purposed from the beginning to have a people for himself to be recipients of His goodness. The New heaven and earth, a place where sin and all of its residue is done away with is our final destination.”*

Write out a prayer.