

10,000 Foot View

Week 1: Creation/Fall

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Metanarrative: the overarching story of the Bible; all parts of the Bible point to—the story of creation, the fall, redemption, and restoration. Imagine an umbrella over all Scripture, and all of it points to Jesus Christ, present at creation, the hope in the fall, our Redeemer, and promise of complete restoration. As you read the Scripture, look at how each part fits into this story.

Week 2:

Last week we read about God creating, God sustaining creation and human's fall into sin/darkness, and God's saving light shining through Jesus. This week, we jump forward, past Noah and the Tower of Babel, to focus on the Patriarchs of Israel, or the founding fathers of the nation Israel. Israel was the people God chose to call His own, and through the line of descendants of these Patriarchs comes the Light, Jesus! God *saw* our problem with sin and He already had His plan for Jesus in place. As you read, still see if you can see how each story fits into the metanarrative (the Big Story of creation, fall, redemption—making right, and restoration).

Day 1: Genesis 12:1-4; 17:1-7

(want to read more? 21:1-5)

How did Abram respond to God asking him to leave his home and family to go where God led?

In the passage, God says through Abram "all families will be blessed," who from Abram's line blesses the *world*?

What characteristic did you learn about God from these passages?

How can you apply this learning to your life today?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for working through Abraham to bless and save the world. Thank God for the characteristic you learned about Him. Ask Him to help you not only remember that learning, but also live it out today.

Day 2: Galatians 3:23-29 **(Want to read more? Start at verse 15)**

What are some words used in this passage to describe life before faith (Jesus) came (verse 23, 24)?

What was God's response to *seeing* people in that situation?

How has God *seen* you (answered a prayer, helped you...) recently?

How are we part of Abraham's family? And what do we receive when we are?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for Him seeing you and being with you. Ask Him to help you see how He is close, especially with the coronavirus and its effects.

Day 3: Genesis 22:1-18

What must Abraham have been thinking/feeling through this passage, especially at the beginning?

How is God challenging you to trust in Him in your life right now?

By reading this story, what does it help you understand about God and Him following through with sacrificing His Son, Jesus, for you?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for his sacrificial love as He *saw* you in sin. Ask Him to help you trust in Him with ALL your life—physical, emotional, financial,...Ask Him to reveal to you whom you can share this encouragement with today.

Day 4: Genesis 25:21-23; 27:1-1 **(More? Read all of Chapter 27)**

Did Rebekah and her son Jacob trust God would fulfill His promise of the blessing being through Jacob who was younger?

How have you recently taken situations into your own hands rather than trust God?

Despite Rebekah and Jacob's lack of trusting God to fulfill His promise, God worked in them and through them.

What does this teach you about God and His promises?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for working with you despite your faults. Repent for times you have not trusted Him; ask Him to teach you how to trust Him fully. Write down 3 reasons you can trust in God.

Day 5: Genesis 32:24-30

Choose the correct word grouping from the parenthesis to complete the sentence: When wrestling, you (do not observe social distancing at all/ stay far from opponent) and you (cling firmly/ gently grasp) the opponent.

Can you make the same word grouping choices in respect to your relationship with God?

Why do you think God chose to call His people Israel, which means a combination of “to struggle/wrestle” and “God”?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for continually coming after you when you are distant. Ask Him to help you cling to Him in all areas of life. Call someone and share how clinging to God has helped you in your life.

Day 6: Matthew 1:1-16

What, if any, names did you recognize in the genealogy?

Matthew wrote his book to show God’s people Jesus was the fulfillment of the promised Savior. Why is the genealogy helpful in showing this (hint? Recall God’s covenantal promises with Abraham?).

How does seeing God fulfilling this promise help you trust in God and other promises from Him?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for sending Jesus to fulfill His promise. Ask Him to grant you patience as He fulfills other promises and open your eyes

to see when He does. Spend some time in prayer and Scripture; write down one of His promises for you today.