

10,000 Foot View

Week 1: Creation/Fall

Week 2: Patriarchs of Israel

Week 3: Exodus

Week 4: Kings/Exiles

Week 5: Jesus

Week 6: Early Church

Week 7: The Church Continues

Week 8: New Creation

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.

Bible Reading Plan:

Week 3—The Exodus

While reading parts of the Exodus account, look for connections to the metanarrative (the Big Story—Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration). To help with this, use the flowcharts to see how Exodus parallels our life.

Israelites:

Slaves in Egypt → God saves with Passover lamb → God rescues through Red Sea → God sets His people apart (Law) → God provides/cares during the wilderness → God gives hope of the Promised Land

Believers in Jesus:

Slaves to sin → God saves with Jesus, the Passover Lamb → God rescues in baptism → God sets us apart as His people → God provides/cares during life on earth → God gives hope of His return and heaven

Day 1: Exodus 1

How did the Pharaoh of Egypt treat the Israelites?

How was God with the Israelites (Hebrews) in their slavery in this passage?

What are some examples of how you are a slave to sin and the world?

As you are a slave to sin, or in a lowly situation, how is God with you?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for how He was/is with you in your lowly situation, or ask Him to help you notice His presence.

Write/Note 2 ways you have seen/noticed God's presence today.

Day 2: Exodus 3: 1-12

How does God respond to *seeing* His people in slavery?

How does Moses respond to God asking him to lead His people out of Egypt?

Has God asked you to do something you do not want to do or do not feel equipped to do?

How can you be encouraged by how God responds to Moses doubting his ability?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for letting you join Him in His work. Ask Him to help you do what He desires and open your eyes to His will. Ask for strength to make one step forward on something you have been putting off though God desires for you to do it.

Day 3: Exodus 12:21-32 and 1 Peter 1:13-19

How was the lamb used in the Passover?

Why Jesus is called the Passover lamb?

How does being saved by Jesus (His blood shed) bring you comfort?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, pause before God in reverent thanks for His sacrificial love.....Thank Him for that comfort. Ask Him to help you remember this continually and the opportunity and confidence to share with one person the comfort you have in Jesus today.

Day 4: Exodus 14:10-18, 28-29

How did the Israelites respond when the Egyptian were coming?

When has slavery (sin, the ways of the world) seemed better than life with God?

Read verse 14 again.

Where in your life can you apply this verse?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for His all surpassing power! Ask Him to help you trust Him with all your life, especially areas you try to fight your own battle. Allow yourself to be silent in the presence of God (at least 2 minutes but challenge yourself to more).

Day 5: Exodus 20:1-17

What stuck out to you reading this passage (interesting? Confusing? Cool?)?

What law are you struggling with most right now?

Read verses 1-2 again.

Realizing this is how God starts the commandments, how may it change the way you read the commandments?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for rescuing you from the slavery of sin. Ask Him to help you follow His ways as a joyful response to the freedom He gives through the sacrifice of Jesus the Passover Lamb. Ask for the Spirit's help against struggles and remind yourself of Jesus' forgiveness. Ask for the confidence to share a takeaway from this time today with someone else.

Day 6: Deuteronomy 8:1-10;

Revelation 21:1-4

How did God care for His people in the wilderness?

How is God closely providing for you in the 'wilderness' of life?

How is the promised land is described in the Deuteronomy passage?

How is heaven (our Promised Land) is described in the Revelation passage?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for redeeming you with His blood and thank Him for the hope of eternity. Ask God to help you live in perspective of His return and this hope and a boldness to share this hope with someone else today.