

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.

Week 7:

The Church Continues

Last week we saw Jesus ascend to heaven and leave the Holy Spirit to strengthen His disciples and *all believers!* This week, we are looking into some of the letters Paul, and other apostles, wrote to church plants to encourage and teach the churches. We, the Church today, can glean much from this Scripture. Continue to study how these passages and all Scripture fits the metanarrative (the Big Story—creation, fall, redemption, restoration).

Day 1: 1 John 4:7-21

How many times does this passage say love?

How have you experienced God's love recently?

How has God's love flowed from you to another?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for His perfect, unending love. Ask that He opens your eyes to see His love more and to see opportunities to share it.

Day 2: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Faith was passed on in this passage through family.
Who was influential in passing faith to you?

Who can you pass the good news of Jesus to?

Read verse 7 again. How does knowing this about the Holy Spirit change how you live?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for the specific people/person who passed faith onto you. Ask God to help you remember the power of the Holy Spirit in you to help you and to give you boldness in passing on the love of Jesus to (specific person)!

Day 3: Romans 12:9-18

These verses list ways we can respond to Jesus' free gift of salvation.

Which of these "marks of a Christian" is a gift of yours?

Which is a struggle of yours?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for saving you. Thank Him for the ways He has gifted you and ask for the Holy Spirit's help in learning how to respond to His love with your life of thanks.

Day 4: Galatians 5:16-26

Compare a life walking by the Spirit and a life staying in the flesh.

What is a struggle of your flesh?

Where does a fruit of the Spirit come from?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for the gift of the Spirit. Repent for where you follow your fleshly desires and ask the Holy Spirit to increase a specific fruit in you!

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Where have you witnessed division/quarreling within the Church?

How does Paul respond to the quarreling in the Corinth Church?

What is God's desire?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for working through the Church and with those in the Church though all are sinful. Ask God to help you heal from any possible bitterness you have related to division/quarreling in church. Ask God to help, by the Holy Spirit's power, to create unity in the church.

Day 6: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

How does knowing you are an important part of the body of Christ influence how you interact within the body of Christ?

Does the body of Christ work its best when parts are missing?

Where do you think God has gifted you? How can you use it to glorify Him?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for making you a part of a huge community of the body of Christ. Ask Him to help you remember how important you are to it and how best to use your gifts.