

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 8—Restoration

This week we are looking at RESTORATION!!! We are restored (we are passive, Jesus is the active one in restoring)—what a gift of hope this is for us to cling to! God's creation which turned on Him in sin, HE has made right when He died on the cross—HE solidified the eternal restoration we will one day receive in heaven. We also, however, get to experience a portion of restoration even now through the gifts God gives!

Day 1: Philippians 3:12-21

What generally consumes your thoughts or sets your perspective?

What goal does Paul encourages Christians to strive for? What should our mind set be?

How does living as a citizen of heaven change how you live today?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for making you His own and therefore giving the prize of eternal life! Ask Him to help you to curb your mind to be set on your heavenly citizenship and to have the boldness to live it out!

Day 2: Romans 6:1-11

Through baptism we become God's child, inheriting and being joined to Jesus' work through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. How is this beginning of being restored?

How have you experienced being alive in Christ (being restored) already?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank Jesus for His sacrifice so that we can have new life in Him forever. Ask Him to open your eyes to the restoration He is already working and increase your hope in complete restoration when He returns.

Day 3: Luke 12:4-12

(Want to read more? Add verses 35-40)

Who has power over eternal destination?

How well does God know you according to this passage?

How can these learning motivate change in how you live?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for His gift of salvation and great care about the "big stuff" and the "little stuff". Ask Him to help you live for Him with an eternal perspective.

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

How will we be changed when Jesus returns according to this passage?

Who won the victory for us?

How is God leading you to continue steadfast in the work of the Lord?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for the ultimate victory we will see one day! Ask God to help you live from the hope God gives. Ask God to help you to work for Him!

Day 5: Colossians 1:3-14

This is Paul's letter to a church he has never visited. This passage shares his joy for their faith and love and his prayer for them.

What sticks out to you in this passage (Cool? Interesting? Surprised?)?

What portion of this passage speaks restoration and God making us new?

Who can you pray verses 9-14 over?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for Christ's work which "qualifies" you to inherit all of God's riches in eternal life with Him? Pray verses 9-14 for someone God has laid on your heart.

Day 6: Revelation 21:1-8

A characteristic of God is He is just. Where do you see that in this passage?

Who took your punishment you justly should have?

Since through His death on the cross Jesus took all punishment we should justly have, what will we receive according to this passage?

Which description in this passage brings you most hope/comfort?

Prayer Prompt: As you now pray, thank God for giving you forgiveness for all sins so you may be a part of God's eternal kingdom. Ask God to help you realize the urgency of sharing Jesus with others and to provide opportunities to do so!