

A. Judaism

Lessons from the Past - Week 1

The Birth of the Church

I. Why study Church history?

Ecclesiastes 1:9

II. Framework for viewing Church history

A. Foundation:

B. Doctrinal Pillar #1: _____ of the
_____ of God

C. Doctrinal Pillar #2: _____ of the
_____ of God

IV. Application

A. What about our current cultural setting can be used to further the spread of the Gospel? hinder it?

B. What ideas, worldviews, political beliefs, etc. shape the practice and expression of our faith?

C. What framework are we using to understand the events around us?

Resources:

- *Forerunners of the Faith* by Nathan Busenitz
- *The Story of Christianity: Volumes 1 & 2* by Justo Gonzalez

D. Doctrinal Pillar #3: _____ of the
_____ of God

B. Greek Philosophy

III. Cultural context of Church's birth
Galatians 4:4

A. Pax Romana

C. Roman Religion