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WEEK 1

BEFORE WE GO WITH THE GOSPEL, WE MUST KNOW THE GOSPEL.

One of the clearest signs that we understand a topic is our ability to teach it clearly and concisely to someone else. This introduction is designed to help you explore the message of salvation traced from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22. And though we will cover the entirety of the Scriptures, we will do it in a clear and concise manner.

The goal of the Scriptures and questions that follow is to help you understand a biblical theology of salvation. We want you to see how the King establishes his Kingdom in **creation**. He is present with his people, and he creates them for a purpose. We want to understand the penalty and cost of our sin in the **fall** so that we can fully understand the glory of our King, Jesus Christ, who offers us salvation.

From there, we will see how Jesus Christ **redeems** what was ruined by the fall. We will finish with the hope of the King's return to a Kingdom **restored**.

The end result is that you would be able to articulate the overarching salvation narrative — the Good News of Jesus Christ — in a clear and concise manner (7-8 minutes at most) using the metanarrative of the Scriptures. Everything moving forward hinges on our knowledge of the Gospel message.

Remember that this is not a trivia assignment. The goal is to trace the storyline of salvation so that you can explain the Gospel clearly and worship Christ more deeply. If you are crunched for time, you can come back to the sections labeled “deep dive”. Most questions can be answered with a word or short phrase. Do not overthink them. The goal is to trace the storyline, not write a commentary.

ASSIGNMENT

- Attend the first lesson.
- Work through the Group Discussion.
- Complete the homework prior to Week 2.

Group Discussion

1. What is one of your favorite stories (book or movie)?
What about the storyline is so captivating to you?
2. What comes to mind first when you hear the word “Gospel”?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. What words or phrases does Paul use to describe the Gospel and its importance?
4. What are the essential elements of the Gospel in verses 3-8?
5. What are some ways Christians can accidentally reduce or shrink the Gospel message?
6. In 2-3 sentences, how would you explain the Gospel to another man right now?

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HOMEWORK

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 through the lens of a King and his Kingdom.

Highlight or circle all the times you see the word “good” in the text.

How is the creation summarized by its Creator in Genesis 1:31?

2. How do you see the King present in his Kingdom?

3. How did God create the world?

4. Read John 1:1-4 and Colossians 1:15-23. What is Jesus' role in the building of the Kingdom?

5. Unfortunately, the Kingdom does not remain as the King created it. Read Genesis 3.
What accusation does the serpent make of the King?

6. What curses does the King give to the serpent? To Adam and Eve?
7. How do you experience the Fall — the curse and brokenness of sin — today?
8. How does the King cover Adam and Eve's guilt and shame brought on by their sin?

The effects of sin began to escalate quickly, but the King, rich in mercy, made covenants with his people, promising to give them a way of salvation. Let's explore how the fall affected the image bearers, and then see the faithfulness of God through his covenants.



DEEP DIVE

9. The first covenant was with Noah in Genesis 6-8. Read Genesis 6:5-8.
What does the LORD see on the earth?

10. The second covenant was with Abraham in Genesis 12-17. Read the excerpt below from ***Remember and Rehearse***, and then answer the following questions:

“Covenants are not something most of us are familiar with, but in the ancient world covenants were central to life. Powerful kings often entered covenants with other nations, vowing to provide protection and land in exchange for the nation’s loyalty. A covenant is like a promise, but it is much more secure than that. They came with clear commitment and consequences if the covenant was broken. These covenants came about through a king’s initiative to establish relations with a people. It was not the people who convinced the king to enter a relationship with them, but the powerful king who, through his mercy, enters a relationship with them. Similarly, a biblical covenant is an oath in which the King obligates Himself to a people to establish His kingdom on earth.

Covenants are absolutely central to the storyline of the Bible.

As we trace covenant through the Scripture’s storyline, the unity of God’s redemptive plan becomes evident. The Bible is not a series of attempts by God to save His people. God is not putting together various plans to see which one may work. God doesn’t learn, with each new covenant, another way not to save His people. No, the Bible is a story of the singular plan of God to save His people through Christ. Covenants are, therefore, a series of promises that are working together to show God’s salvific work for His people.”¹

Read Genesis 15. Who are the two parties involved in the covenant? (See Exodus 13:21 for clarity on the smoking fire pot and flaming torch.) Who passes through the sacrifice? According to the excerpt above, why is that important?

11. Why was Abraham credited with righteousness?

¹ J. T. English, *Remember and Rehearse: An Invitation to Participate in God’s Story* (Brentwood, TN: B&H, 2025), 86–87.

12. The third covenant was with Moses in Exodus 19-24. Read Exodus 19:3-6.

What will the Israelites be if they keep God's covenant?

13. Read Exodus 20. Give a word or phrase to summarize each commandment below.

1st Commandment -

2nd Commandment -

3rd Commandment -

4th Commandment -

5th Commandment -

6th Commandment -

7th Commandment -

8th Commandment -

9th Commandment -

10th Commandment -

How would a whole community of people living in obedience to these commands be pleasing to one another? To the world?

The holy people meant to reflect their holy King, over time, began to fall into the sin of the nations around them. Moving forward in the storyline, we see the people of Israel longing for a human king like the nations. Sadly, the people are also doing what was right in their own eyes, and sin was rampant. (Judges 21:25) Let's continue forward in the story of Scripture with the second king of Israel, King David, and his covenant with the true King.

14. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17.

What parallels do you see of the dwelling promised to David and the Garden in Genesis 1-2?

15. What will come after David? How long will he reign?

As we know, David's offspring does not quite live up to the hype, thus leaving us longing for the promised eternal King. The people do what people do—sin. They continue in sin until they are exiled from their earthly promised land. But just like the exile from Eden, they have hope in their exile from Jerusalem. That brings us to our final covenant.

16. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 37:15-28. Summarize the markers of the New Covenant.

Shortly after this, the Old Testament Scriptures come to a close. Imagine being an Israelite left with the following questions.

Where is the Son of a woman who will come to crush the head of the serpent?

Where is the Son of Abraham who will come to offer a sacrifice that blesses the nations?

Where is the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world?

Where is the Son of David who will come to establish a kingdom without end?

Will God ever initiate the new covenant and abide with His people?



DEEP DIVE / QUESTIONS 17-21

17. Read Matthew 1:1.

Which question(s) from the list above does this passage answer?

18. Read Matthew 1:22-23.

Which question(s) from the list above does this passage answer?

20. Read John 1:29-34.

Which question(s) from the list above does this passage answer?

21. Read Matthew 26:26-32.

Which question(s) from the list above does this passage answer?

22. Read Matthew 4:1-17. Who did Jesus defeat in the desert? What message did Jesus preach?



DEEP DIVE

23. Read Mark 15:1-16:8.

Summarize the events that took place in 2-3 sentences.

24. Read Matthew 28:18–20.

What does Jesus command his disciples to do? What does he promise them as they go?



GOSPEL CLARITY

25. Interpret: Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.

What are the essential elements of the Gospel — the Good News?

26. Interpret: How does the resurrection give followers of Jesus Christ hope?



CONNECT THE STORY

27. Interpret: Read Revelation 21:1-22:5. What parallels do you notice here with the Creation account? How does the restoration of the new heavens and earth enrich the Gospel?

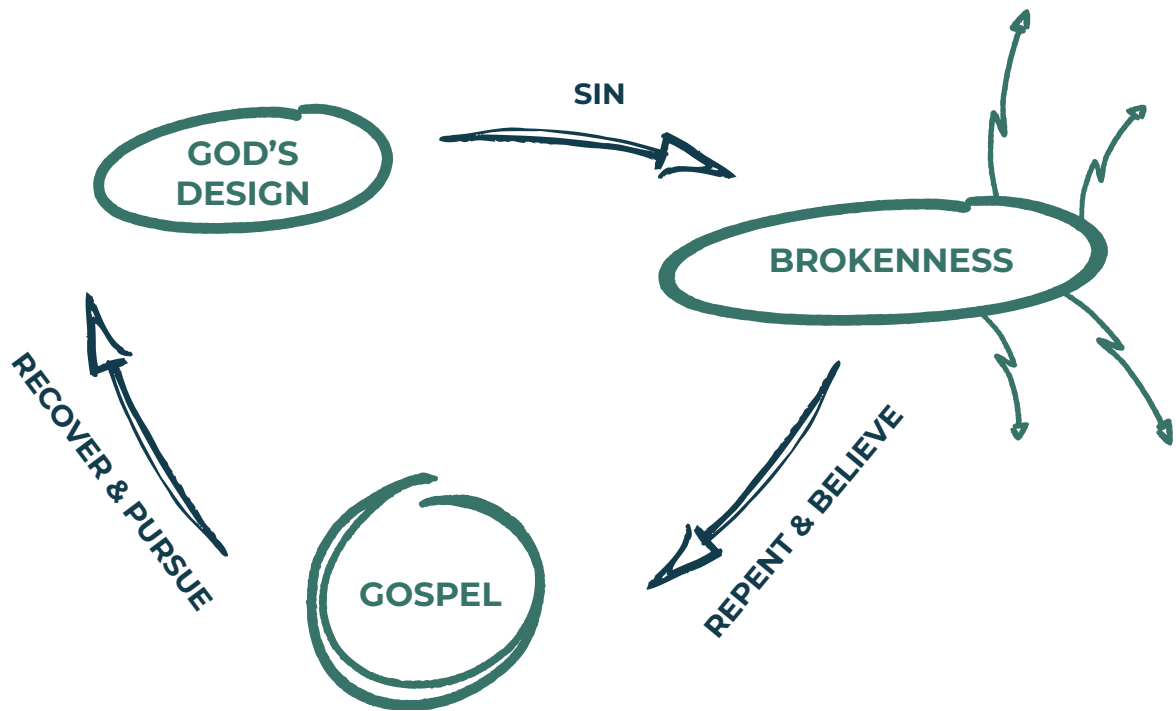


PRACTICE

28. Apply: How does Jesus' life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return give you hope today?

3 Circles Gospel Tool

29. Watch the video training for the 3-Circles Gospel presentation and assign the themes of Creation, Fall, Covenants/Promises, Redemption, and Restoration to the diagram below.



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