

*"No other book has so profoundly influenced the culture, thought and history of the world. It has molded and dominated the art, music, morality, oratory, law, politics, philosophy and literature of Western civilization. It's not only changed history, but it has also changed millions of lives."*

*- Wilkinson & Boa*

## Goals for this series:

- **PRIMARY GOAL:** Application, **LIVE GOD'S WORD DAILY**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; John 13:17; James 1:22-25*

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT*

*"The Bible is like...*

*...a mirror in that it accurately reflects our spiritual appearance.*

*... a sword in that it can be used as a weapon both to defend us and attack the enemy.*

*...light in that it enables us to see in the darkness of life so that we can stay on the right path and avoid harm.*

*...water in that it quenches our thirst and cleanses us from spiritual impurities.*

*...food in that it satisfies our spiritual hunger, and causes us to grow." -Max Anders*

*"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says.*

*Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves..." - James 1:22-25 NLT*

*"The findings consistently show that engaging the Bible four or more days a week is the single most powerful predictor of spiritual growth." - Center for Bible Engagement*

- Create curiosity and desire to read, study, memorize, and meditate on God's Word
- Remove some of the mystery and confusion of the Old Testament and help you see the Big Picture
- Show you the connect between the Old and New Testament and that the entire story is about **JESUS**



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16 ESV

4 major themes of the Bible: **CREATION, FALL, REDEMPTION, RESTORATION**

Structure of the Bible

Part 1: Old Testament	Part 2: New Testament
39 Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical - 17</li> <li>• Poetical - 5</li> <li>• Prophetical - 17</li> </ul>	27 Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical - 5</li> <li>• Pauline Epistles - 13</li> <li>• General Epistles - 9</li> </ul>

**Major parts of the Old Testament we will look at in this series:**

**Week 1:** Beginnings - *Genesis*

**Week 2:** Wandering - *Exodus, Numbers & Deuteronomy*

**Week 3:** Promise Land & United Kingdom - *Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, & 1 Kings*

**Week 4:** Divided Kingdoms, Captivity & the Coming Kingdom - *1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*

Beginnings

4 Events		4 People	
C - <b><u>CREATION</u></b>	<i>Genesis 1-2 (pg 1)</i>	A - <b><u>ABRAHAM</u></b>	<i>Genesis 12:1-4 (pg 8)</i>
F - <b><u>FALL</u></b>	<i>Genesis 3 (pg 2)</i>	I - <b><u>ISAAC</u></b>	<i>Genesis 16-17, 21-22, 24-28 (pg 10)</i>
F - <b><u>FLOOD</u></b>	<i>Genesis 6-9 (pg 4)</i>	J - <b><u>JACOB</u></b>	<i>Genesis 25-49 (pg 16)</i>
N - <b><u>NATIONS</u></b>	<i>Genesis 10-11 (pg 6)</i>	J - <b><u>JOSEPH</u></b>	<i>Genesis 37, 39-50 (pg 27)</i>

\*page numbers based on Zondervan's NIV Bible

## Jesus in Beginnings...

- Creation - *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:13*

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." - John 1:1-3 ESV*

- Immediately after the Fall - *Genesis 3:15*

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15 NIV*

- Noah & Flood - *Genesis 6; Matthew 24:37-39*

- The Call of Abram (Abraham) - *Genesis 12:1-3*

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." - Genesis 12:1-3 ESV*

- Abraham's Test - *Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:19*

## Recommend Resources:

[What You Need to Know About the Bible](#) by Max Anders

[30 Days to Understanding the Bible](#) by Max Anders

[The Bare Bones Bible Handbook](#) by Jim George

[Structure of the Old Testament](#)

### Memory Verse (Topic: God's Love)

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16 ESV*

## My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize John 3:16.
- Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- I'll pick a part of the story that interests me most to read this week.
- I'll commit to spend time in God's Word each day.
- I'll invite a friend to join me next week.
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_

