

One Year Thru the Bible - Genesis - The Book of Beginnings

1. Ask your group to list some examples of "beginnings" in the book of Genesis (Examples: The beginning of the universe, the beginning of sin, etc)

2. Why do you think these things are important to our faith and beliefs today?

3. The first eleven chapters focus on 4 major events:

Creation (Ch 1-2) Compare: Psalm 19:1-6 / 89:11 / 102:25 / Isaiah 40:21-26

The Fall of man into sin (Ch 3-5) Compare: Romans 5:12-15 / I Timothy 2:13-14

Noah and the Flood (Ch 6-10) Compare: Matthew 24:37-39 / Hebrews 11:7

The Forming of Nations / Tower of Babel (Ch 11)

Why do you think each of these are included in the Genesis account?

Why do you think it matters that these are real, historical events?

4. The lives of four individuals are recorded in the second half of Genesis in chapters 12-50. List some things that you know about each of them?

Abraham (Ch 12-24) Compare: Acts 7:2-8 / Romans 4:1-5

Isaac (Ch 21-27) Compare: Hebrews 11:17-19

Jacob (Ch 25-37) Compare: Genesis 25:19-34

Joseph (37-50) Compare: Genesis 37:1-5 / 50:15-21

5. Take some time to discuss one of them in more detail. What were some of the high points and low points in their life and faith?

6. Abraham begins his journey in Ur of the Chaldeans around 2000 BC. Four generations later Abraham's grandson Jacob and great grandchildren settle in Egypt where their decedents will live for 400 years. Why do you think God preserved the record of this family for us? How does it effect our faith and lives today?

7. Make time this week to read ahead a chapter a day in the book of Exodus to get a preview of what we will study on Sunday morning. Some key chapters are Ex 1-4 / 12-13 / 20 and 40.