

BIBLE STUDY 1 QUESTIONS

In the beginning, GOD! GENESIS 1:1 – 5:32

Before you meet your study buddy...

Read Genesis 1:1-5:32 for yourself. You might want to do a chapter a day and cover it across 5 days, or set aside 30 minutes to race through the whole section. It will be helpful to have that 'birds-eye view' of the beginning of Genesis before you meet.

Study Buddy Study

Chapter 1: Who is God?

1. Look at the world around you. What 'invisible qualities' of God are visible to you?
2. Look back at Genesis 1. What 'invisible qualities' are made visible in the way he created them?
3. Why does Paul say, in Romans 1:20, that people are 'without excuse' when it comes to worshipping God?

Chapter 2: Who are we?

1. In verses 2:7-9 and 15-18, how is it obvious that God loves and cares for the man he has made?
2. Read verse 25 again. How is this original creation situation at the close of chapter 2 different to what we experience today?

Chapter 3: Where is Christ in all this?

In Genesis 3, the perfect close loving relationship between God and humans is broken – and so is the relationship between human and human, and between human and animal.

1. In Genesis 3:1-6, what lay at the root of this breakdown in relationships?
2. Genesis 3:15 offers the first prophecy of Jesus as "the serpent crusher". How has Jesus fulfilled this prophecy? Look at 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 and Colossians 2:13-15.
God judges the man, the woman and the serpent. All three receive terrible pronouncements from God. But in his judgement, there is also mercy.
3. In Genesis 3:21-24, how is God's mercy shown? What does he do to prevent this broken relationship becoming fixed forever?
4. How have you experienced this sort of mercy from God, leading you in paths which you found difficult but which are for your good and for his glory?

If you have time... Chapters 4 and 5

Consider Cain and Lamech. Consider which phrase is repeated over and over again in chapter 5.

1. How do they show that the effects of sin have fully taken hold of humans?
2. How do they offer the hope of Christ as the one who can crush Satan's head and restore us to God?

PRAY TOGETHER

- Praise God for his 'invisible qualities' and that he has made himself known to us. Give thanks for His love for us, right from the beginning of creation.
- Confess and ask the Lord to forgive sin and show mercy. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in God's Will and give you strength to follow, even through difficult paths.