



In the beginning God.... Study Lesson Week1

Week's Aim: Understanding the significance of Genesis 1:1 "*In the beginning God...*"

Day 1: Overview. Read Genesis 1:1 "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*"

1. A good place to start on this study is to get a better understanding of some of the words used in this verse. Using a dictionary, write down the definitions for the following words:

- God -
- Beginning -
- Create -
- Heaven -
- Earth -

2. How many words are contained in this very profound statement? Here are some other verses that are the same length as Genesis 1:1. Read them and then comment on what this tells you about God:

- 1 Chronicles 16:11 -
- Psalms 56:3 -
- Proverbs 10:12 -
- Philippians 4:13 -
- 1 Peter 2:3 -

3. Describe the who, what, and when of Genesis 1:1

4. As we study Scripture, it is important to think about God's view of things. Is the main teaching here that the creation events are to be focused on God? Explain.

Application 1: In preparation for maximizing your understanding throughout this study of Genesis, will you pray for the Holy Spirits leading, revealing, and teaching? Will you pray for that right now before you start or end your day?

Day 2: Doctrinal importance of Genesis 1:1. – Read Genesis 1:1

1. Use a dictionary and write the definitions for the following words. Then explain in your own words, how Genesis 1:1 refutes these doctrines:

- Atheism -
- Pantheism -
- Polytheism -
- Dualism -
- Humanism -
- (Macro) Evolution -

Application 2: This has been a lengthy study for one day, but what will you share with another believer today, that has strengthened your faith today?

Day 3: The Trinity is present in the beginning. – Read Genesis 1:1-3

1. What portions of these three verses identify the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Son (see John 1:1-3)?

- The Father -
- The Spirit -
- The Son -

2. What creation method did God use?

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3. What do you learn about God in the Work of Creation from the following verses?

Genesis 1:1 -
Exodus 20:11 -
Isaiah 40:28 -

4. What do you learn about the Son in the Work of Creation from the following verses?

John 1:3 -
1 Corinthians 8:6 -
Ephesians 3:9 -
Colossians 1:16 -

5. What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in the Work of Creation from the following verses?

Genesis 1:2 -
Job 26:13 -
Psalms 104:30 -

Application 3: How will you praise God today for revealing these wonderful mysteries to you?

Topic for Day 4: The spiritual application of Genesis 1:1-2. - Read Genesis 1:1-2

1. What is unique about God's method of creating?
2. What is the purpose of His creation (see Revelation 4:11)?
3. What was the order of Creation (see Genesis 1:1)? Why do you think He did it in that order?
4. Using the following verses, identify the things which matter most to God. What does this say to you?
Matthew 6:33 -
2 Corinthians 4:16-18 -
Colossians 3:1-2 -

Application 4: What have you learned from this lesson that you can and will apply to your life today?

Topic for Day 5: God's Word is sufficient. – Read Genesis 1:1-2

1. Identify several aspects regarding all Scripture that are found in 2 Timothy 3:15-17?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:20-21 and describe in your own words the process God used to communicate His revelation.
3. Read Psalms 19:7-10 two or three times. Try to understand how David viewed the accuracy of Scripture. Then document your thoughts.
4. Compare the following verses and write in your own words how the Scriptures support the view that the Bible is God's Word. As you read these passages, identify the person(s) who quotes the Old Testament verses.

Scripture says	God says
● Genesis 2:24	Matthew 19:4-5
● Psalms 95:7	Hebrews 3:7
● Psalms 2:1	Acts 4:24-25
● Isaiah 55:3	Acts 13:34

Application 5: How might you share with someone today that the Bible is God inspired and true?