



CHAPTER 1: CREATION

Big idea: God's loving CREATION of humanity to bear His image and rule His world

Key passages: Genesis 1-2; Psalm 8

Genesis 1 is not primarily about _____ or _____ but _____ and _____

We are made in the IMAGE OF GOD, meaning we can...

R _____ to God

R _____ God's character

R _____ God's glory

and the RESULT is that we can R _____ God's world.

Theological big idea of the Bible: God is _____ Himself by establishing His _____ on earth through _____.

CHAPTER 2: REVOLT

Big idea: Humanity's REVOLT against God's plan brings death in all its forms

Key passages: Genesis 3; Ephesians 2:1-3

Sin brings DEATH in all its forms:

v7: S _____

v8-10: F _____

v11-13: B _____

Death of I _____

Death of r _____

Death of our b _____

Death of our s _____

Yet there is HOPE... v15 is the first promise of the _____

CHAPTER 3: PROMISE

Big idea: God's PROMISE to restore humanity through the family of Abraham

Key passages: Genesis 12,15,22

Abraham's two problems: when we meet him, he is an _____ and he is _____

Abrahamic Covenant promises Abraham _____, _____, and _____

Salvation has always been by _____ (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-5)

The climax of Genesis 22...

- The command is an _____ for Abraham to show the world how much he's grown

- The story of Abraham is not just about God's P _____; it's also about His P _____ of transforming Abraham into His likeness

- Principle: God's gifts are always designed to help us _____

- Because he obeyed, God seals the covenant with an _____ making it _____

Ironically, Abraham's son is _____ while God's Son is _____

Reflection Questions:

1. Think about current popular movies, television shows, books, and internet culture. How does our current 21st century American culture answer the questions, "Why do we exist?" and "What is the meaning of life?" How does this compare to the biblical answer we just discovered?

2. Think about an area of sin you commonly struggle with. How is that sin related to pride? Do you agree that pride is the root of all sin? Why or why not?

3. Abraham's success as a follower of God was directly proportional to his willingness to trust God when life got hard. Distrust led him to flee a famine and pawn Sarah off as his sister (ch12). Trust led him to rescue Lot (ch14) and obey God's command concerning Isaac (ch22). When do you struggle to trust God? What circumstances make it harder to trust Him? What circumstances or choices make it easier for you to trust God?