

19-Minute Bible Studies

On 52 Very Important Chapters of the Bible

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To the Leader

These Bible studies were originally written to be used as Bible study material for the summer months. After the Sunday morning service, Pastor Tim Gumm would invite people to remain for 19 minutes, during which they would study a very important chapter of Scripture. The leader used a timer to stop the class at 19 minutes. Questions not covered in the allotted time were left for members to work on at home.

Members are encouraged to memorize the 52 important chapters. These chapters can serve as a framework for developing a basic understanding of what is found in various parts of the Bible.

Church leaders will be able to find additional uses for these studies. They can serve as general devotions for various groups in the congregation, even Church Councils and Voters' Meetings.

However, their main purpose is to foster Bible study during the summer months. There are 52 studies, enough studies for four summers. We pray that these studies help your congregation members grow in their understanding of and faith in God's grace in Christ.



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¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morn-

ing—the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." ²⁹Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

1. What does the creation account found in Genesis 1 tell us about our God?

2. Which words or phrases in Genesis 1 help us, as Christians, deal with the false teachings of evolution?

3. Note at least three ways in which Genesis 1 sets forth the preeminence of humans in God's creation.

4. What do God's words in *Isaiah 43:6,7* tell us about the purpose for which we were created: *Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made?* What do these words lead us to do?

5. What does the final verse of Genesis 1 tell us? Give examples of how the world of that day must have differed from our world today.

Closing Prayer:

Lord and Savior, thank you for this opportunity to study your Word. Strengthen the faith of your people and fill them with a desire to live according to the purpose for which they were created, which is to glorify you with everything they are and everything they have. Amen.

At home

- Try to commit to memory the events of each of the six days of creation.
- Try to commit to memory the first part of the list of V.I.C.s on the front of this page.

Helps

(1) The creation account tells us that our God is triune. The Father is presented as the Creator; the Son is the spoken Word (see John 1); the Holy Spirit hovers. This account also tells us that God is eternal (*In the beginning . . .*), wise, kind, good, and almighty. In addition, the grace of God (the undeserved love that brought about our salvation) was evident already at creation. (2) The phrase *and there was evening, and there was morning* indicates that the six days of creation were 24-hour days, as we know them today. *According to their kinds and it was good* run contrary to evolution, which says that all things are constantly progressing from lower forms to higher forms. (3) God approaches the creation of man in a solemn way, taking counsel with himself; man is created in the image of God; mankind is given rule over all of creation. (4) Since, as God tells us through the prophet Isaiah, we were created for the purpose of glorifying God, we will want to strive—whether we eat or drink or whatever we do—to live our entire life to God's glory. (5) God's original creation was absolutely perfect; nothing was lacking, and the world was not tainted at all by sin and its effects.



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Genesis 2

While Genesis 1 presents a chronological account of creation, Genesis 2 presents a topical account of creation. In the second chapter of Genesis, we read about the seventh day, on which God *rested from all the work of creating that he had done* (verse 3), and the special way in which he created man and woman. We also read about paradise with its two special trees and God's command, *You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die* (verse 17). Finally, in verses 18-25, we find the account of God's institution of marriage.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep

sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." ²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

1. How did God lead Adam to notice the conclusion God expressed in verse 18: *It is not good for the man to be alone?*
2. What does the term *suitable helper* tell us about the relationship between husband and wife?
3. It was God who brought Eve and Adam together and instituted marriage. Marriage, then, is not a human arrangement. What implications does this have for us today?