

*The*  
**Bible Themes  
Handbook**

COURSE WORKBOOK

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## VIDEO I

# *Biblical Theology*

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VIDEO 2

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VIDEO 3

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- Biblical theology: consider the full length of time in redemptive \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the various \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.
- Metanarrative: think about the Bible's plot of creation, \_\_\_\_\_, redemption, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christ-centered approach: remember to \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus over all.

### BIBLE THEME EXAMPLE: KINGDOM

#### CREATION

- In the account of Genesis 1 and 2, God lives with His people in a kingdom, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, where He reigns with utmost power, authority, and \_\_\_\_\_ before the humans.
- God graciously gives Adam and Eve the honorable tasks of \_\_\_\_\_ the garden and \_\_\_\_\_ His image in the world.
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#### FALL

- Adam and Eve's \_\_\_\_\_ caused them to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the garden of Eden.
- The children of Adam and Eve lived in \_\_\_\_\_ without a home in the kingdom and away from their King.
- But God was \_\_\_\_\_ to gather His people and reserve for them a place in the Promised Land.
- God confirmed His \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel and covered them in His \_\_\_\_\_, despite their rebellion.

#### REDEMPTION & RESTORATION

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ is the arrival of God the \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Christ, God came to \_\_\_\_\_ His broken world and reclaim what is His.
- By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God.
- Jesus brought the \_\_\_\_\_ of the garden to us by the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is our King and Bridegroom, and He \_\_\_\_\_ us to rescue us from sin and bring us back into His love.

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- We are able to enter God's \_\_\_\_\_ now and await the fullness of His presence in eternity.
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- It will be a kingdom, but a garden \_\_\_\_\_ too, and we will enjoy the Lord forever.

VIDEO 5

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- And finally, Ephesians 2:4–7 says, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, made us \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by \_\_\_\_\_! He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his \_\_\_\_\_ to us in Christ Jesus.”

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- Ephesians works within the Bible as a \_\_\_\_\_ to point to the saving work of Jesus.
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