

Firm Foundations

Creation to Christ

Study Guide

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How to Use This Study Guide

You are about to embark on an exciting journey through the Bible. You'll be learning about historical events and people that God used to accomplish His purposes in the world. More importantly, you'll come to appreciate the nature and character of God as you see how He interacted with man. He wants each of us to know Him, and has made that possible by revealing Himself progressively through the Bible.

This study guide is intended to be used in conjunction with the *Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ* Bible study.

The study guide provides a space where you can take notes while the teacher expands on the lesson. In addition, questions are included for personal study and review after class. You will find an Answer Key at the end of each lesson to check your answers.

The small maps inserted into this study guide correspond with the key locations covered in the *Firm Foundation: Creation to Christ* curriculum. The Time Line highlights the characters and events covered in this course.

Lesson

1

The Bible is God's message to all people.

1. Introduction
2. God is the focus of these lessons.
3. We will study the Bible chronologically.
4. We will study the Bible's foundational themes.
5. The Bible is structured with clearly marked units.
6. The Bible is the Word of God. (Isaiah 45:22; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
7. The Bible is a true record of what God said to the prophets. (Psalm 12:6-7)
8. The Bible is an accurate historical record. (Psalm 119:89)
9. The Bible is God's personal message to each of us. (Hebrews 4:12)
10. Conclusion

Personal Study Questions

1. Who is the central character of the Bible?

2. Why is it important to see each biblical event from God's perspective?

3. What does it mean to study the Bible chronologically?

4. How is our approach to studying the Bible like building a house?

5. What are the two main sections of the Bible?

6. How many books are there in the Bible?

7. God chose men to write different parts of the Bible. What were these men called?

8. According to 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:20-21, how do we know that the words of the Bible are not merely the recorded ideas of the men?

9. Although God used 40 men to record the contents of the Bible, and although it was written over a period of 1,600 years, why is it a unified whole from beginning to end?

10. What nationality were all of the men, except one, who recorded the contents of the Bible?

11. According to Isaiah 45:22, for whom did God give His message?

12. In what languages were the original texts of the Bible written?

13. Why will God's Word never change?

14. Why is it important to study the Bible?

15. What does God's Word show us about ourselves?

Personal Study Answers

1. *The central character of the Bible is God.*
2. *Seeing each biblical event from God's perspective is important so that we will understand His character and actions, and see ourselves as He sees us.*
3. *To study the Bible chronologically means to study the flow of biblical history from the beginning of the world, considering key events in the order in which they occurred.*
4. *Our approach to studying the Bible is like building a house in that, just as a contractor starts with a firm foundation before he adds the upper structure, we will be establishing a solid biblical base on which we can later build more understanding.*
5. *The two main sections of the Bible are the Old and New Testaments.*
6. *There are 66 books in the Bible.*
7. *The men God chose to write different parts of the Bible were called God's prophets.*
8. *These verses tell us that God guided the thoughts of the prophets so that they wrote exactly what He wanted them to write.*
9. *The Bible is a unified whole from beginning to end because God is its sole Author.*
10. *All of the men, except one, who recorded the contents of the Bible were Jewish.*
11. *God gave His message for the whole world.*
12. *The original biblical texts were written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.*
13. *God's Word will never change because God is its author, and He doesn't change.*
14. *It is important to study the Bible because it is God's personal message to us.*
15. *God's Word shows us what we are really like because it shows us how God sees us.*

Lesson

2

The Bible tells us what God is like and that He alone existed before everything and everyone.

Lesson Outline and Scripture

For Class Notes

1. Introduction

2. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself in history. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

3. All things had a beginning. (Genesis 1:1)

4. God is eternal. (Psalm 14:1; 90:2)

5. God is Spirit. (John 4:24)

6. God is not limited by time or space. (Psalm 139:7-12; Proverbs 15:3)

7. God is a Trinity.

8. God is sovereign over all creation. (Psalm 83:18; 147:7-9; 148:1-13; Isaiah 45:5; Jeremiah 10:6)

9. God alone can tell us how everything came into existence.

10. Conclusion

Personal Study Questions

1. Why did God reveal so much about Himself through the events recorded in the Bible?

2. According to Jeremiah 9:23-24, what is more important than wisdom, strength and riches?

3. What existed before the beginning?

4. From God’s perspective, what type of person would deny His existence? (Refer to Psalm 14:1.)

5. What does Psalm 90:2 tell us about God?

6. What did God need before the universe and all other things existed?

7. What can we logically conclude about God from the fact that He lived before anything else existed?

8. God is not an impersonal force in the universe as some describe Him. Who is He?
