

“Introduction and Prologue”

Apprentice Track Workshop: Biblical Story

Session 1

1) Why Are We Studying the Biblical Story?

- a) Understanding the biblical story as a whole is necessary for understanding _____ Bible passages.
- b) Understanding the biblical story helps us see _____ as part of the _____ Story.
- c) Understanding the biblical story helps us more fully _____ in and meditate upon the fullness of the gospel.

2) What Is the Biblical Story?

*The _____ story of God redeeming his people through _____ found in
66 separate books.*

- a) **The Unified Story**
- b) **The Story's Structure**
 - i) Prologue
 - ii) Act 1 (Abraham - David)
 - iii) Act 2 (David - Jesus)
 - iv) Act 3 (Jesus - New Heavens and New Earth)
- c) **Of God** - Three major theological themes of the story of Scripture:
 - (1) God's Promise (Covenant)
 - (2) God's Kingship
 - (3) God's Presence

- d) Redeeming a people...
- e) Through Jesus...
- f) Found in 66 separate books.

3) The Prologue (Genesis 1-11)

a) Historical Context

- i) As Genesis was being written, God was leading _____ out of _____, creating a people of his own.
- ii) Genesis is like the _____ story for the nation of Israel.
- iii) God wants to _____ his people around the truest foundation of reality as they come out from under the influence of ancient _____.

b) Foundational Concepts

i) God: Who Is God? (Genesis 1:1-5)

- (1) God is _____.
- (2) God is _____.
- (3) God is _____.
- (4) God is _____.

ii) Humanity: Who Are We? (Genesis 1:26-28)

Three central aspects of the *Imago Dei*:

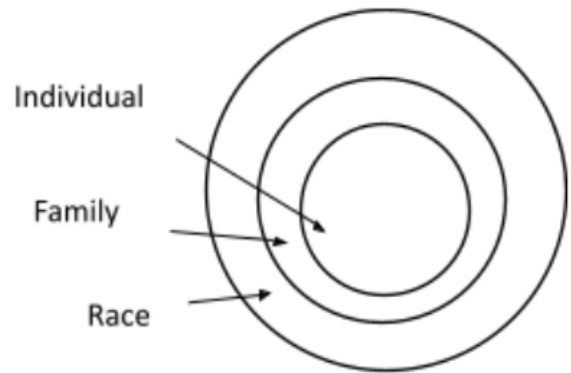
- (1) Being made in the image of God means that we _____ his _____.
- (2) We also represent his reign by _____ his character.
- (3) We were made for a _____ with God.

iii) The Fall and Its Effects (Genesis 3)

Our first parents choose to set themselves up as _____ with God. But God has already begun a plan to overturn the _____ of sin by placing _____ between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman.

- (1) **The Sin:** _____ and _____. (Genesis 3:1-7)
- (2) **The Curse: Three Levels of** _____ (Genesis 3:8-24)

- (a) First level: the devil and the _____ are enemies.
 - (b) Second level: between the woman's _____ and the serpent's _____.
 - (c) Third level: out of the woman's seed will arise _____ man who will crush the head of Satan.
- (3) The rest of the Bible is an _____ of Genesis 3:15.



iv) Sin's Spread (Genesis 4-11)

- (1) Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)
- (2) "...and then he died." (Genesis 5)
- (3) The final diagnosis: _____ (Genesis 6:5)
- (4) Recreation and Continued _____
 - (a) Noah and the _____ of Creation (Genesis 6-8)
 - (b) A New _____ and a New _____ (Genesis 9)
 - (c) The Lesson of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11): A fresh start and a _____ could not solve our sin-problem.

v) Thematic Seeds

- (1) **King and** _____
 - (a) God is the supreme _____ of the universe who has effortlessly spoken his beautiful kingdom into existence for his glory and the _____ of his subjects.
 - (b) He also _____ men and women to represent his reign.
- (2) **The _____ of God** - The Bible's ideal, "God _____ us," begins on page 1.
- (3) **Promise**
 - (a) God is a promise _____ and promise _____ God.
 - (b) Adam and Eve, Cain, and Noah are all _____ of God's promises.