

# **Timeless Truths from the Bible**

## **Week #1: The Bible**

Sunday: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5. Where did the Bible come from (3:16)? How can the Bible profit us (3:15-17)? What responsibility do we have in sharing its truths with others (4:1-5)?

Monday: 1 Peter 1:16-21. What do verses 20 and 21 teach about the inspiration of Scripture?

Tuesday: Jeremiah 36:1-19. Describe the respective roles of God, Jeremiah and Baruch in producing the book of Jeremiah. What affect did Baruch's reading have on the people?

Wednesday: Jeremiah 36:20-32. How does this dramatic incident illustrate God's preservation of His written Word?

Thursday: Mark 7:1-13. According to Jesus Christ, compare the respective authority of the word of God and human tradition. What is the highest authority in your life?

Friday: Luke 24:13-33, 44-49. What does our risen Lord teach is the main message of the Scriptures?

Saturday: Revelation 1:1-3, 9-11; 22:18, 19. In this closing book of Scripture, what warning is given to those who would add to it or subtract from it?

## **Week #2: The Attributes of God**

Sunday: John 4:24; 1 John 1:5; 4:8, 16. What basic truths about God's nature do you learn from these statements?

Monday: Exodus 33:17-34:8. What did God reveal of Himself to Moses? What was Moses' response? Follow his example.

Tuesday: Psalm 103. What attributes of God does David celebrate? What was his response and what should ours be?

Wednesday: Psalm 139:1-12. How does David realize that God is omniscient (all-knowing, vv. 1-6) and omnipresent (all-present, vv. 7-12)?

Thursday: Psalm 145. Repeat Tuesday's questions.

Friday: Isaiah 6:1-7. What did Isaiah's vision of God teach him about 1) God's character, 2) Isaiah's need and 3) God's provision for Isaiah's need?

Saturday: Isaiah 40:12-31. How does Isaiah describe God's awesome power and wisdom? How can these attributes be of benefit to us?

## **Week #3: The Trinity**

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 5:6, 7; 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; 44:6; 45:5-7. According to these Old Testament texts, how many gods are there?

Monday: Mark 12:29; John 17:3; I Corinthians 8:4; I Timothy 2:5; James 2:19. According to these New Testament texts, how many gods are there?

Tuesday: Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:6, 7; Isaiah 6:8. How do these Old Testament verses indicate a plurality of Persons in the one God?

Wednesday- Mark 1:9-11; John 1:32-34. At Jesus' baptism, how was it shown that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct from one another?

Thursday-Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; I Peter 1:1, 2; Jude 20, 21. How do these verses show the equality of each member of the Trinity?

Friday: Ephesians 1:1-14. What is the role of each Person of the Trinity in our salvation?

Saturday: II Thessalonians 2:13-17. Repeat Thursday's and Friday's questions.

#### **Week #4: Creation**

Sunday: Genesis 1:1-13; Hebrews 11:3: What do these verses teach about the origin of the universe?

Monday: Genesis 1:14-2:3. Is the Genesis account of creation compatible with the theory of evolution? Why or why not?

Tuesday: Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:20-25. What has God revealed about Himself through His creation?

Wednesday: Psalm 148. What does Psalmist call upon the entire creation to do? Are you fulfilling your part?

Thursday: John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3. What is the role of Jesus Christ in creation?

Friday- Acts 17:22-34. In his witness to the pagan Athenians, what truths about God the Creator does Paul proclaim? How should his example influence our witness?

Saturday: II Peter 3:1-13. What three stages in the history of the universe does Peter describe? What are the implications of this teaching for the theory of evolution?

#### **Week #5: Man Before the Fall**

Sunday: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-9, 15-17. Where did man come from? What was his role in the creation? What do you think it means to be made in God's image?

Monday: Genesis 2:18-25. From both yesterday's and today's readings, what do you learn about the special creation and role of woman?

Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1; Matthew 10:28; I Thessalonians 5:23. What do these verses teach about the make-up of man? Is he physical only?

Wednesday: Genesis 5:1-3; 9:6; James 3:8, 9. After the fall, is man still in God's image? Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9, 10: What is God's goal in the new creation?

Thursday: Psalm 8; Hebrews 2:5-10. Compare these passages to Genesis 1:26-28. What is God's continuing plan for man? How will it be accomplished?

Friday: I Corinthians 11:2-16; I Corinthians 11:2-16. In the midst of this discussion about head coverings, what important truths are taught here about man and woman as created by God?

Saturday: I Corinthians 15:35-49: For Christians who have borne the image of Adam, what will be our future destiny?

### **Week #6: Man After the Fall**

Sunday: Genesis 3: From this tragic truths you learn about temptation, sin, and the consequences of sin. Is there any hope (3:15)?

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15; 6:5. Trace here the growth of sin, its power and effects.

Tuesday: Romans 5:12-21. What are the consequences for us of Adam's fall into sin? Of Christ's obedience?

Wednesday: Mark 7:14-23. What is Jesus' diagnosis of the heart of man? Do you recognize any of your own sins here?

Thursday: Romans 1:18-32. Trace the steady decline of the gentile world into deeper sin and depravity. Do you see any similarity with today's society?

Friday- Romans 3:9-20, 23. According to these verses, how widespread is the sin epidemic? What is the purpose of the law?

Saturday: Romans 7:7-25. Before Paul was saved, how did sin and God's law operate in his life (vv, 7-13)? How did they operate after he was saved (vv. 14-25)?

### **Week #7: The Person of Christ**

Sunday: Matthew 1:18-25. What do the names "Immanuel" and "Jesus" reveal about who He is and why He came? Why is the virgin birth important?

Monday: John 1:1-18. Why is Jesus here called "the Word"? What is His relation to God, to the world, and to man?

Tuesday: Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-33. See the disciples' question in 8:27. How do they answer it in 14:33?

Wednesday: Matthew 16:13-20. What revelation did Peter receive concerning who Jesus is? Matthew 17:1-8. What did God Himself declare? Who do you say Jesus is?

Thursday: John 4:6; 5:18; 8:58, 59; 10:30, 31; 11:35; 14:9; 19:28; 20:28, 30, 31. How does each of these verses show that Jesus was both God and man? Have you believed in Him?

Friday: Colossians 1:13-20; 2:9, 10 What is Paul's testimony as to who Jesus is?

Saturday: II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; I Peter 2:22; I John 3:5. What special fact about the humanity of Jesus is repeated in these verses? Why is this so important?

### **Week #8: The Life and Ministry of Christ**

Sunday: Acts 10:34-43. How does Peter summarize the life and ministry of Christ? Have you believed in Him for the forgiveness of your sins?

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Sunday: Exodus 12:1-7, 12, 13, 21-28; I Cor. 5:7: What parallels can you find between the Jewish Passover and our redemption through Christ?

Monday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12: How were the various details of this remarkable prophecy fulfilled in Jesus Christ? Why did Christ suffer?

Tuesday: Matt. 27:15-26, 45-50: How is Jesus' death in the place of Barabbas a picture of what He has done for us all? What is the answer to Jesus' question in verse 46?

Wednesday: Rom. 3:21-26; I John 2:1, 2; 4:9, 10: Both Paul and John speak of Christ's death as a "propitiation" (Check different translations). What do you think this means?

Thursday: Rom. 5:6-11; II Cor. 5:14-21: What did Christ's death accomplish? Are you now reconciled to God?

Friday: Eph.2:11-18: In addition to God and man, who else is reconciled by Christ's death?

Saturday- Heb.9:11-14, 22-26; 10:11-22: what contrasts do you see between the Old Testament sacrifices and Christ's sacrifice? How should we then respond (10:19-22)?

### **Week #11: Resurrection/Exaltation of Christ**

Sunday: John 20:1-18: What evidences do you find here for the resurrection of Christ?

Monday: I Cor. 15:1-20: Repeat Sunday's question. What would be the consequences if Christ did not rise from the dead?

Tuesday: Acts 1:1-11: How do verses 9-11 emphasize the visibility of Christ's Ascension?

Wednesday: Phil. 2:5-11; Eph. 1:20-23: In contrast to His humble state while on earth, describe Christ's present position. In prayer, confess Jesus as Lord.

Thursday: Rev. 1:9-20: What do the various features of this vision reveal about the glorified Lord?

Friday: Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25, 26; 8:1; 9:24: Where is Christ now (8:1)? What is He doing (7:25; 9:24)? What should our response be (4:14-16)?

Saturday: John 14:1-6; 12-18: After returning to the father, what did Jesus promise He would do?

### **Week #12: the Person of the Holy Spirit**

Sunday: John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 15:28; Rom.8:26, 27; I Cor.12:11; Eph.4:30: How do these verses show that the Holy Spirit is a real Person? (Not a human person but a divine Person)

Monday- Psalm 139:7; Heb.9:14; Gen.1:1, 2; II Peter 1:20, 21; Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3, 4: How do these verses show that the Holy Spirit is God?

Tuesday: Judges 6:34; 11:29; 14:6; I Sam.11:6; 16:13, 14; Num.11:16, 17, 24-29: How did the work of the Holy Spirit in Old Testament believers differ from His work in Christians today?

Wednesday: Isaiah 44:1-5; Ezekiel 36:22-27; Joel 2:28-32: What wonderful promises did these prophets make concerning the future ministry of the Spirit? (If time allows, see also Isaiah 11:1, 2; 42:1; 61:1, 2)

Thursday: Matt.1:20; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28; Acts 10:38; Heb.9:14; Rom.8:11: what was the role of the Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ?

Friday- John 14:16-18, 25, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:7-15: In His important Upper Room Discourse, what important teaching did Jesus give concerning the Holy Spirit? Notice His titles, His relationship to the Father and Son, His ministry to believers and to the world.

Saturday Acts 2:1-21, 32-39: What was the significance of Pentecost? What did the various signs indicate about the Holy Spirit and His work?

### **Week #13: The Work of the Holy Spirit**

Sunday: Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25; 3:16, 17: What is marriage? What foundational principles of this relationship do you discover here?

Monday: Gen.24:1-27; 2 Cor.6:14: What guidelines for finding the right mate can you discover in these verses? (The leader should tell the outcome of the story).

Tuesday: John 2:1-11: How is our Lord's attitude toward marriage revealed in this story?

Wednesday: Deut. 24:1-5; Matt. 19:1-12: What do these Scriptures teach us about marriage, divorce and the single life?

Thursday: 1 Cor. 7:1, 7-16: Repeat Wed. question.

Friday: 1 Cor. 7:25-40: What does Paul say are the reasons for some people to remain single?

Saturday: Matt. 22:23-33: What is to be the final destiny of the marriage relationship? How should this affect our lives now?

#### **Week #14: Husbands and Wives**

Sunday: Eph. 5:21-33: What are the distinctive complementary roles of husbands and wives? How is each to carry out his/her responsibility?

Monday: 1 Peter 3:1-12: What special instructions are given to wives (vv.1-6), to husbands (v.7) and to both (vv.8-12)?

Tuesday: Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38: How did Joseph and Mary exhibit love and submission respectively?

Wednesday: Eph. 4:25-32: What principles for good communication in marriage can you discover in these verses? Which do you need to apply?

Thursday: 1 Cor. 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4; Prov. 5:15-20: What do these passages teach about the sexual relationship in marriage?

Friday: Prov. 31:10-31: What does this poem teach about a believing woman's relationship to God, her husband, her children, her home and the community?

Saturday: Acts 18:1-4, 18, 19, 24-26; 1 Cor. 16:19; Romans 16:3-5: What was the ministry of this Christian couple, Aquila and Priscilla? What is your ministry?

#### **Week #15: Parents and Children**

Sunday: Genesis 1:26-28; 9:1, 7; Psalm 127:3-5; Prov. 17:6: According to these passages, what should be the attitude of married couples toward having children?

Monday: Exodus 20:12; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20, 21: What basic commandments are given by God to children and parents?

Tuesday: Deut. 6:1-9, 20-25; 2 Tim. 1:3-5; 3:14-17: What principles for parental instruction of children can you discover in Deut.? How was Timothy's home an example of this?

Wednesday: Prov. 3:12; 13:22, 24; 19:18; 22:6, 15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 17: What special instructions are given here to parents in raising their children?

Thursday: Prov. 1:8; 6:20; 10:1; 13:1; 15:5, 20; 19:26; 20:20; 23:22, 24, 25; 28:24; 30:17: What special instructions are given here to children in relating to their parents?

Friday: 1 Sam. 2:12-17, 22-34; 3:10-14: What was Eli's failure as father? With what result?

Saturday: Luke 2:51; Matt. 15:1-9; 19:13-15; John 19:25-27: What do you learn about the parent/child relationship from Jesus' example and teaching?

### **Week #16: The Christian and the World**

Sunday: John 17:6-24: Pick out the phrases in Jesus' prayer with the word "world." What is to be a Christian's relationship to the world?

Monday: Prov. 1:10-19: What warning is given to young people about joining the wrong crowd?

Tuesday: Matt. 5:13-16; Rom. 12:1, 2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17: According to these verses, what is to be the Christian's relationship to the world?

Wednesday: 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1: Repeat Tuesday's question.

Thursday: Daniel 1: How does Daniel's decision illustrate a proper Christian relationship to the world?

Friday: Luke 5:27-32: What was Jesus' relationship to the world? How is He an example to us?

Saturday: 2 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 11:24-26: Contrast Demas and Moses in their relationship with the world. Whose steps are you following?

### **Week #17: The Christian and Government**

Sunday: Deut. 16:18-20; 17:8-20: What principles of government were to be followed in Israel? Which of these principles could be applied in our nation today?

Monday: 1 Sam. 8: What did Samuel warn are the dangers of centralized government authority?

Tuesday: Matt. 22:15-22; 17:24-27: What did Jesus teach by both precept and example is our responsibility to government authority?

Wednesday: Rom. 13:1-7: In this important passage, what does Paul teach are the obligations of Christian citizens? Why? What is the proper function of government?

Thursday: 1 Peter 2:13-17; Titus 3:1, 2; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2: What are the duties of Christians to government authorities?

Friday: Daniel 3: When is it not proper for a Christian to obey human government? (For similar examples, see Exodus 1 and Daniel 6.)

Saturday: Acts 5:17-42: Repeat Friday's question.

### **Week #18: The Christian and Work**

Sunday: Gen. 1:26-28; 2:8, 15, 18; 3:16-19: What do you learn here about the place of work both before and after the fall?

Monday: Gen. 39:1-6, 19-23; 41:38-43: How is Joseph in his work an example to us in our work?

Tuesday: Prov. 6:6-11; 10:4, 5; 12:11, 24; 13:4, 11; 18:9; 19:15; 20:4; 22:29; 24:30-34; 26:13-15; 28:19 (select from these verses as time permits.) What does wise Solomon teach here about diligence and laziness?

Wednesday: Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:22-4:1: Apply these principles to the employer/employee and the teacher/student relationship of today.

Thursday: 1 Tim. 6:1, 2; Titus 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 2:2:18-25 Repeat Wednesday's question.

Friday: Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 4:11, 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-15 What is to be the Christian attitude toward work?

Saturday: Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:14, 15; 25:4; Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:17, 18; James 5:4: What does the Bible teach about paying and receiving fair wages?

### **Week #19: Church Discipline**

Sunday: Joshua 7: What is the effect of sin in the community of God? In this Old Testament incident, how was discipline carried out and why?

Monday: Matt. 18:15-22; 5:23, 24: What step-by-step instructions did Jesus give for the practice of church discipline?

Tuesday: 1 Cor. 5:1-13: In this case, who was to be disciplined? How was the discipline to be exercised? By what authority? For what purpose?

Wednesday: 2 Cor. 2:3-11; 7:8-12: What was the result of the discipline exercised in Tuesday's reading? What should be our attitude toward a penitent believer?

Thursday: 2 Thess. 3:6-15: Repeat Tuesday's questions.

Friday: Rom. 16:17, 18; Gal. 6:1, 2; 1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Tim. 1:18-20; 5:19-20; Titus 1:13; 2:15; 3:10, 11: What principles of church discipline are taught in these verses?

Saturday: 1 Cor. 6:1-11: What does the Bible teach about taking a fellow Christian to court?

### **Week #20: Death and the Intermediate State**

Sunday: Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:17-19, 22-24; 5:1-5: What do you learn in this account about the relationship between sin and death?

Monday: Genesis 23: How is this Old Testament saint, Abraham, an example to us in his handling the death of his beloved wife?

Tuesday: Luke 23:44-56: How can we be helped by the knowledge that Jesus our Lord had passed through the experiences of death and burial?

Wednesday: Luke 23:44-56; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; Phil. 1:19-26: According to these passages, what happens to a believer at death?

Thursday: Luke 16: 19-31: What did our Lord Jesus Christ teach about the destiny of the righteous and the wicked at death?

Friday: Psalm 23; Acts 7:54-60; 2 Tim. 4:6-8: How did David, Stephen and Paul each face the prospect of death?

Saturday: What do the following verses teach us about death? (Look at as many as time permits.) Genesis 27:2; Eccl. 12:7; Ps. 116:15; Rom. 5:12; 6:23; 14:8, 9; 1 Cor. 15:55-57; 1 Thess. 4:13, 14; 1 Tim. 1:10; 6:7; Heb. 2:14, 15; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 1:18; 14:13.

### **Week #21 -The Second Coming of Christ**

Sunday: Matt. 16:27-17:8; 2 Pet. 1:16-18: How does the transfiguration of Christ provide us with assurance that He is coming again?

Monday: What do the following Scriptures teach about the fact and the manner of Christ's second coming? Heb. 9:28; John 14:3; Acts 1:9-11; 1Thess. 4:16; 5:2; 2Thess. 1:7; Titus 2:13; Rev. 1:7.

Tuesday: Matt. 24:1-35: What does Jesus teach will be the pattern of events on earth before His return?

Wednesday: Matt. 24:36-25:13: What should be our attitude and conduct while we await Christ's return?

Thursday: Romans 11:1, 11-32: What does Paul prophecy concerning the future of both the Gentiles and Israel in this passage?

Friday: 2Thess. 2:1-12: What warnings does Paul give believers in this passage?

Saturday: Rev. 19:11-21: How does John describe the future coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?

### **Week #22: Resurrection and Judgment**

Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; John 5:24-29: What do both Daniel and Jesus predict regarding a future day of resurrection and judgment? To which group do you belong?

Monday: Matt. 22:23-33: What did Jesus teach the Sadducees regarding the fact and nature of the future resurrection?

Tuesday: 1Thess. 4:13-18; 2Thess. 1:3-10: What did Paul teach about the future resurrection and rapture of believers (1Thess.) and the future judgment of unbelievers (2Thess.)?

Wednesday: 1Cor. 15:20-28, 35-58: Summarize Paul's teaching on the future resurrection of believers.

Thursday: Matt. 25:14-30: What does this parable teach about the final accounting for all professing Christians? How are you investing your "talents"?

Friday: Matt. 25:31-46: What does Jesus reveal about the standard and final outcome of future judgment? What can you be doing for your brothers?

Saturday: Rev. 20:1-15: Trace the order of events leading up to and including final judgment. Are you ready for that great day of reckoning?

### **Week #23: Heaven and Hell**

Sunday: Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43: What does Jesus' parable teach about the final state of the righteous and the wicked?

Monday: How do the following verses describe the final state of the righteous? Matt. 25:21, 46; Rom. 8:18; Rev. 14:13; 1Cor.13:12; Heb.12:22, 23.

Tuesday: How do the following verses describe the final state of the wicked? Matt. 22:13; 25:41, 46; Rev.14:10, 11; 21:8; 2Thess. 1:9; Luke 12:47, 48.

Wednesday: John 14:1-6: What does Jesus teach about heaven and the way to get there?

Thursday: 2 Peter 3:1-4: What does Peter reveal about the future destiny of our universe? How should we then live?

Friday: Rev. 21:1-7: How does John describe the new, heavenly Jerusalem?

Saturday: Rev. 21:9-22:5: Repeat Friday's question. Will this be your eternal home?

### **Week #24: Suffering and Affliction**

Sunday: Review the story of Joseph. Gen. 45:1-8; 50:15-21; Rom. 8:28: What perspective on our trials can we gain from Joseph's example?

Monday: Review the story of Job. Read Job 1 and James 5:10, 11. What perspective on our trials can we gain from the example of Job?

Tuesday: Psalm 22: In this Messianic Psalm what do we learn about the sufferings and glory of Jesus Christ? What lessons are here for you and me in our trials? (See Philippians 3:10, 11).

Wednesday: John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Phil.1:29; 2Tim. 3:12; 1Pet.4:12, 13: What is the main point about afflictions made in all these verses?

Thursday: Rom.5:1-5; 1Pet.5:6-11; James 1:2-4: How should a Christian respond to trials and why?

Friday: 2Cor.1:3-7; 4:16-18; 12:7-10: What further insights on our trials is given by each of these passages?

Saturday: Heb. 12:1-11: What is the purpose of God's chastening in our lives? Is it yielding the fruit of righteousness in your life?

### **Week #25: Questionable Things**

Sunday: Romans 14:1-12: Over what matters were there differences of opinion among the Christians at Rome? What are comparable issues today? What principles does Paul give here to guide their conduct and relationships to each other?

Monday: Romans 14:13-23: What further principles does Paul give to guide us in these controversial matters?

Tuesday: Romans 15:1-13: Repeat Monday's question.

Wednesday: 1Cor. 6:9-20: What practices does Paul clearly label as wrong? What principles does he give for guiding us in questionable areas (verses 12, 19, 20)?

Thursday: 1Cor. 8: What was the controversial issue at Corinth? What two great principles does Paul give to guide them and what is the relative importance of each?

Friday: 1Cor. 10:1-22: What warning does Paul give to those who think they stand strong in their Christian liberty?

Saturday: 1Cor. 10:23-11:1: What final guidelines does Paul give us for deciding questionable moral issues?

### **Week #26: Substance Abuse**

Sunday: Genesis 9:20-27; 19:30-38: In these early Biblical references to alcohol, what sins are associated with its abuse?

Monday: Deut. 21:18-21; Isaiah 5:11, 12, 22, 23; 28:1, 3, 7, 8: How does God look at the abuse of food or drink? What should be first place in our lives?

Tuesday: Proverbs 20:1; 21:17; 23:19-21; , 29-35; 31:4-7: What do wise Solomon and King Lemuel's mother have to say about the wrong use of food and drink?

Wednesday: Romans 13:13-14; 1Cor. 5:11; 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-23; Eph. 5:18; 1Thess.5:7-8; 1Tim. 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7; 2:3: What solemn warnings does Paul sound against the sin of drunkenness? What hope does he offer us in 1Cor. 6:11; Gal. 5:22 and Eph. 5:18?

Thursday: Identify the abstainers from alcohol in the following passages: Lev. 10:8-11; Num. 6:1-4; Deut. 29:5-6; Judges 13:6-7; Jer.. 35:5, 6, 8; Daniel 1:8; Luke 1:15; Mark 15:23; 1Tim. 5:23.

Friday: 1Cor. 6:12, 19, 20; Rom.14:21: What reasons does Paul offer here for what we do with and put into our bodies?

Saturday: John 2:1-11; Matt. 26:26-30: Based on these passages, can we say that wine (a dilute form of alcohol) in and of itself is evil?

### **Week #27: Sex**

Sunday: Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18-25; Exodus 20:14; 1Cor. 7:2-5; Heb. 13:14: According to these passages, what is the right and wrong expression of our sexual capacity?

Monday: Prov. 5: Repeat Sunday's question. Also, who is giving the sex education in this passage? What practical advice is given?

Tuesday: Genesis 39:7-12; 2 Samuel 11:1-5: Contrast the response of Joseph and David to temptation.

Wednesday: Matthew 5:27-32: What does Jesus teach about the sin of immorality and how to avoid it?

Thursday: 1Cor. 6:9-20; 1Thess. 4:1-8: What truths should guide our conduct in the area of sexual morality? (If time allows, read 1Cor.5. What is to be the church's response to immorality in its midst?).

Friday: Genesis 19:1-11, 24, 25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:24-27; Jude 7: What is God's view of the modern homosexual movement?

Saturday: John 8:1-11, 30-36: What hope does Jesus offer to those who have fallen into or are enslaved to immorality? (If time permits, see also John 4:5-18, 25-29, 39.)

### **Week #28: Sanctity of Human Life**

Sunday: Genesis 1:26-28; 5:1-3; 9:1, 5-7; Psalm 8:2-6; 127:3-5; Luke 18:15-17: According to these verses, why is human life sacred? What is God's view of children?

Monday: Exodus 20:13; 21:12-15, 22-25; Matt. 5:21-22; 1John 3:14-15: How do these verses demonstrate the sanctity (sacredness) of human life? Does capital punishment violate or uphold the value of life?

Tuesday: Job 10:8-12; 31:15; Psalm 139:13-16; Eccl. 11:5; Jer. 1:4-5: What role does God play in the formation of a baby in the womb?

Wednesday: Luke 1:13-15, 26-44: How do these verses show that John the Baptist and Jesus were persons before birth? (If time permits, see also Gen. 25:21-26; Judges 13:3-7).

Thursday: Exodus 1:15-22; Psalm 106:34-42; Amos 1:13: What is God's view of taking infant life either before or after birth?

Friday: Exodus 22:22-24; Deut. 10:18; Psalm 68:5, 6; Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 22:3; Zech. 7:9-10; James 1:27; Prov. 31:8-9. How do these verses about God's concern for the fatherless and the widow relate to the modern trends of abortion and euthanasia?

Saturday: Psalm 71: What is the Psalmist's prayer to God regarding his life journey from the womb to the tomb? What is God's answer in Isaiah 46:3-4?

### **Week #29: The Lord's Day**

Sunday: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:27: What do these Scriptures teach about the origin and purpose of the Sabbath?

Monday: Isaiah 56:1-8; 58:13, 14; Jeremiah 17:19-27: What did these two prophets teach about the proper observance of the Sabbath? What blessings would flow from obedience?

Tuesday: Nehemiah 13:15-22: What Sabbath reforms did Nehemiah institute in his day?

Wednesday: Matthew 12:1-14: What did Jesus criticize about the Pharisees' observance of the Sabbath? What kinds of "work" did He pronounce lawful?

Thursday: John 20:1-10, 19-29: What important events occurred on the first day of the week? What significance does this have for us today?

Friday: Acts 20:7-12; 1Cor. 16:1, 2; Revelation 1:10, 11: What Christian activities took place on the first day of the week?

Saturday: Hebrews 4:1-13: What is the eternal significance of the Sabbath? How should this truth influence our thinking about a weekly day of rest?

### **Week #30: Worship**

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-6; Matt. 4:8-11: Who are we to worship? How is He to be worshipped?

Monday: 2Chron. 5:1-14: Describe the various aspects of Israel's worship. What was the result?

Tuesday: Psalm 95:1-7; 100: How and why should we worship the Lord? Do it!

Wednesday: John 4:19-26: What did Christ teach the Samaritan woman about true worship?

Thursday: 1Cor. 14:26-40: Discover some main principles of New Testament corporate worship from this passage.

Friday: Hebrews 10:19-25: Why can we draw near to God in worship? Because of such privileges, what are we exhorted to do?

Saturday: Revelation 4: As you look through the open door of heaven, what do you learn about the worship there?

### **Week #31: Music**

Sunday: Exodus 15:1-21: How did the men and women of Israel celebrate their Red Sea deliverance?

Monday: 1Samuel 16:14-23: Describe the spiritual influence of David's music on King Saul. How can music affect us spiritually-for good or evil?

Tuesday: 1Chronicles 15:16-28: How did David organize the musical worship of Israel?

Wednesday: Psalm 150: From this Psalm discover the where, why, how and who of praise. What part does music play?

Thursday: Daniel 3:1-18: How was music used wrongly in this passage? (Tell the end of the story).

Friday: Mark 14:26; 1Cor.14:15; Eph. 5:18-21; Col.3:16: What part did music play in the life of Jesus and His disciples and in the early church?

Saturday: Revelation 5: What is the theme of heaven's new song? What is the theme of your songs?

### **Week #32: Spiritual Gifts**

Sunday: 1Corinthians 12:1-11: What is the source of our spiritual gifts? For what purpose are they given?

Monday: 1Corinthians 12:12-31: How is the church like the human body? List all the gifts mentioned in this chapter.

Tuesday: 1Corinthians 13: Compare the relative importance of spiritual gifts and the spiritual fruit of love.

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:7-16: Trace step by step how the ascended Christ brings His church to maturity.

Thursday: Romans 12:1-8: List the gifts mentioned here. Before we can use them effectively, what is a prerequisite?

Friday: 1Thessalonians 5:19, 20; 1Timothy 4:14; 2Timothy 1:6; 1Peter 4:10-11: What directions are we given here about using our spiritual gifts?

Saturday: Matthew 25:14-30: Apply the teachings of this parable to our subject of spiritual gifts.

### **Week #33: Edification**

Sunday: Acts 2:37-42; 11:19-26: How were the new believers at Jerusalem and Antioch "followed up" in their new faith?

Monday: 1 Corinthians 14:1-6, 12-19, 26-31: What should be the goal of our public meetings? How can this goal best be achieved?

Tuesday: Acts 20:31; Romans 14:19; 15:2, 14; 2Cor. 1:3, 4; Col. 1:28; 1Thess. 2:11, 12; 4:18; 5:11, 14; Heb. 3:12, 13; 10:24, 25: What do each of these verses teach about the ministry of personal or individual edification?

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:7-16: Toward what goal should we be striving in our church? How can this goal be achieved?

Thursday: 1Thess. 2:17-3:13: By what different means did the Apostle Paul encourage the faith of the Thessalonian Christians?

Friday: Mark 1:16-20; 3:13-15; 6:7-13, 30-32; 16:14, 15, 19, 20: In these passages, trace at least four different stages in Jesus' training of the 12.

Saturday: Acts 16:1-3; Phil. 2:19-23; 2Tim. 2:1, 2; 3:10-17: Comment on Paul's training of Timothy for Christian service.

### **Week #34: Personal Evangelism**

Sunday: 2Cor. 5:10-21: What motives prompted Paul and his co-workers to share the Gospel of Christ with others?

Monday: John 1:35-51: How did each of the men in this passage come to know Jesus? Whom would you like to introduce to Christ?

Tuesday: John 4:1-26: From Jesus' example, what lessons do you learn for personal witnessing?

Wednesday: Mark 10:17-22: Repeat Tuesday's question.

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40: From Philip's example, what lessons do you learn for personal witnessing?

Friday: Acts 10:34-43; 17:22-34: Compare Peter's message to Cornelius' household with Paul's to the Athenian philosophers. How did they differ and why? What conclusions do you draw for your own witness?

Saturday: Acts 26:1-29: What can we learn from Paul's example about giving our personal testimony to others?