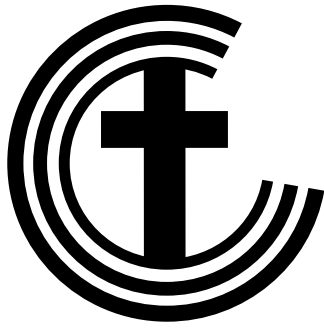


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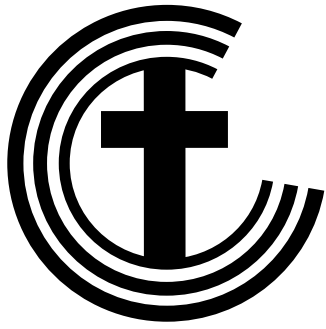
Inductive Bible Study Method Overview The inductive Bible study method consists of three main steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. This method helps you delve deeper into the Scriptures by asking questions of the text, understanding its context, and applying its truths to your life. Our goal in being good Bible students is to get to the core of the text where the Holy Spirit then has God's Word to bring back for us to meditate on throughout our day, then He offers to apply God's Word to our life. The Inductive Bible Study method is not a list of steps on how to be a better person or how, but it is a method for getting to know and understanding who God is better, then having this truth imprinted on our hearts and minds, for the Holy Spirit to then apply to our lives.



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I. Preparing for the Study

1. Prayer: Begin with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study and open your heart to God's Word.
 2. Read the Text: Read Genesis 1:27-2:25 carefully several times. Note down first impressions or questions that arise.
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II. Inductive Bible Study Method

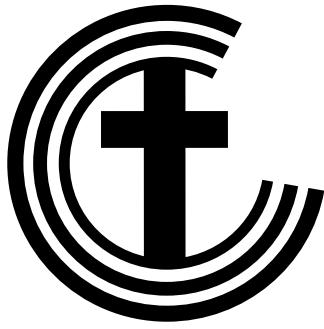
1. Observation

A. What does the text say?

- i. Read Genesis 1:27-2:25. Write down all significant details:
- ii. Who are the key characters?
- iii. What are the main events?
- iv. Where do these events take place?
- v. How are these events unfolding?
- vi. When do these events occur?

B. Scripture Reference:

- i. Genesis 1:27-28
- ii. Genesis 2:7
- iii. Genesis 2:15-25



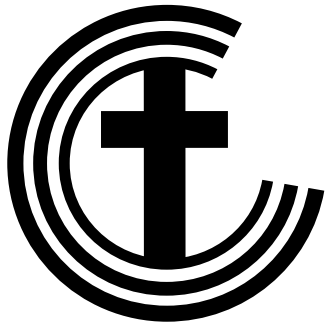
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C. Identify Keywords and Phrases:

- i. Look for repetitive words or themes such as “created,” “formed,” “dominion,” “image,” “male and female,” “breathed,” and “living being.”

D. Examine the Structure:

- i. Notice how Genesis 1:27-2:25 is structured. Identify the transitions between creation of man, formation, purpose, and the introduction of woman.



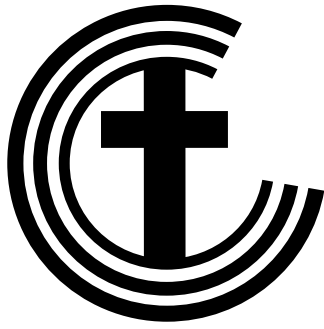
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2. Interpretation

A. What does the text mean?

B. Context:

- i. Who was the original audience? (Hint: a group of people God brought out of Egypt)
- ii. What was the historical and cultural background?



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C. Cross-Referencing:

Let's dive deeper by cross-referencing relevant scriptures.

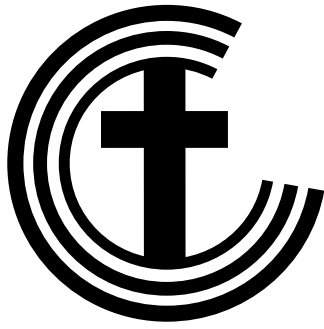
i. Imago Dei - Image of God:

Genesis 1:27

a. Psalm 8:3-6: Humanity's dominion and place in God's creation.

b. James 3:9: A reminder of our calling not to misuse our tongue against those made in God's likeness.

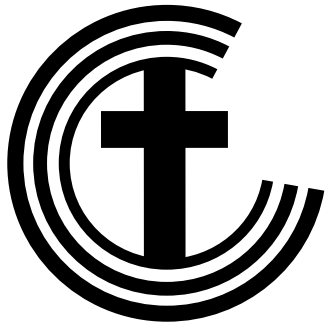
c. Ephesians 4:24: Putting on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



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ii. Formation and Breath of Life: Genesis 2:7

- a. Job 33:4: “The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”
- b. John 20:22: “And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

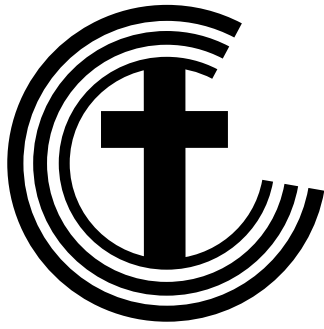


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iii. Man's Role and Dominion:

Genesis 1:28; 2:15

- a. Psalm 115:16: "The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind."
- b. Psalm 72:8: A reflection on dominion—"May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth."

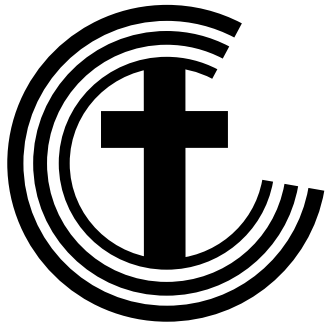


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iv. Creation of Woman and The Nature of Marriage:

Genesis 2:18-25

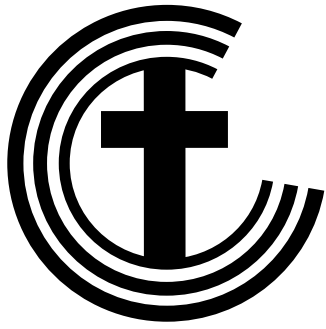
- a. Matthew 19:4-6: Jesus affirms the creation of male and female and the sanctity of marriage.
- b. Ephesians 5:31-33: Paul refers back to Genesis to describe the profound mystery of marriage pointing to Christ and the church.



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D. Theological Implications:

- i. What do these verses teach about God's character and His plan for humanity?
- ii. How do these scriptures affirm God's design and intention for human relationships and individual worth?

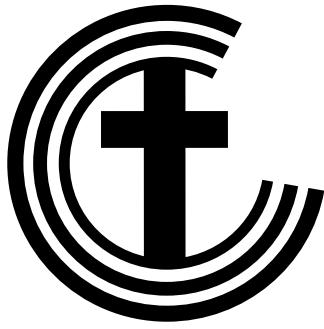


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3. Application

A. Personal Reflection:

- i. How does understanding that you are created in the image of God impact your self-worth and relationships?
- ii. Reflect on your roles and responsibilities as outlined in scripture—how are you exercising dominion and stewardship in your life?



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B. Gender and Identity:

- i. How does the biblical understanding of gender identity challenge or affirm the current cultural perspectives?
- ii. Reflect on relationships in your community and family. Where might restoration be needed, and how can you take steps to foster reconciliation?

C. Living it Out:

- i. Identify specific ways to “tend and keep” the relationships and responsibilities God has given you.
- ii. Encourage others in understanding their value as image bearers of God.



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III. Discussion Questions

1. What do you observe about the nature of man and woman in these passages?
 2. How does the concept of being made in God's image influence the way you perceive yourself and others?
 3. What steps can you take to ensure that you're operating under God's authority in your various roles?
 4. How can the truths in Genesis 1:27-2:25 guide your responses to cultural issues regarding identity and purpose?
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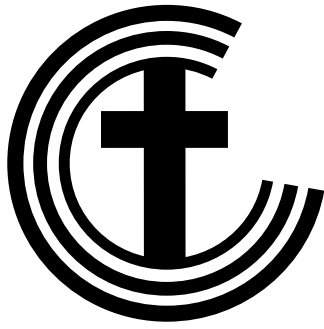
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IV. Closing Prayer

Thank God for the insights gained during this study. Ask for His help to apply these truths in daily life, and to be fruitful in your relationships and stewardship as an image bearer of God.

V. Further Study

1. Continue reading through Genesis 3 to understand the origins of sin and its implications.
2. Explore other biblical texts related to creation, identity, and the fall to gain a comprehensive understanding of these foundational truths.



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By engaging deeply with these scriptures, cross-referencing the truths found in other parts of the Bible, and applying these insights to your life, you will grow in your understanding of God's design and purpose for your life and humanity.