



Carrollton Christian Fellowship

Study Guide: Diving Deeper into Genesis

Introduction

Understanding Genesis provides the foundation for the rest of the Bible. This study guide will help you explore key passages and themes, encouraging personal reflection and practical application.

Week 1: The Creation Story (Genesis 1-2)

Step 1: Observation

1. Read Genesis 1-2: Carefully read the chapters twice. Take note of the sequence of events during creation.

2. Questions to Consider:

- a. What are the different things God created on each day?
- b. What phrase is repeated after each day of creation?

Step 2: Interpretation

1. Meaning:

- a. What does the repeated phrase "And God saw that it was good" imply about creation?
- b. What does it mean that humans were created in God's image?

Step 3: Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- a. How does recognizing God as Creator affect your view of the world and your life?
- b. In what ways can you reflect God's creativity in your daily activities?

2. Activity:

Journal: Write a short reflection on how the creation story inspires you to see God's hand in your everyday life.

Week 2: The Fall and Its Consequences (Genesis 3:1-24)

Step 1: Observation

1. Read Genesis 3:1-24: Note the dialogue between the serpent, Eve, and God.
2. Questions to Consider:
 - a. What lies did the serpent tell Eve?
 - b. What were the immediate consequences of Adam and Eve's actions?

Step 2: Interpretation

1. Meaning:
 - a. What does the serpent's deception tell us about temptation?
 - b. How does God's response highlight both His justice and mercy?

Step 3: Application

1. Personal Reflection:
 - a. How do you recognize and resist temptation in your life?

- b. What consequences of sin do you see in the world around you?

2. Activity:

Confession: Reflect and confess any areas of sin in your life. Pray for strength to resist future temptations and for guidance in living a life aligned with God's will.

Week 3: The Call of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9)

Step 1: Observation

1. Read Genesis 12:1-9:** Pay attention to God's promises and Abraham's responses.
2. Questions to Consider:
 - a. What did God ask Abraham to do?
 - b. What promises did God make to Abraham?

Step 2: Interpretation

1. Meaning:
 - a. What is it called when Abraham decided to follow God's command without knowing the destination?

- b. What do these promises reveal about God's character and plans?

Step 3: Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- a. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more?
- b. How can you practice obedience to God's call this week?

2. Activity:

Prayer: Ask God for the faith to trust Him in uncertain situations. Write down any areas where you feel called to step out in faith.

Week 4: The Promises Fulfilled (Genesis 17:1-8; Genesis 21:1-7)

Step 1: Observation

- 1. Read Genesis 17:1-8; Genesis 21:1-7:** Focus on God's promises and their fulfillment in the birth of Isaac.

2. Questions to Consider:

- a. What promises did God make to Abraham regarding his descendants?
- b. How were these promises fulfilled in the birth of Isaac?

Step 2: Interpretation

1. Meaning:

- a. What does the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham tell us about His faithfulness?
- b. How does Isaac's birth reaffirm God's covenant?

Step 3: Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- a. What promises from God are you holding onto in your own life?
- b. How can remembering God's faithfulness to Abraham strengthen your faith?

2. Activity:

Promise Journal: Write down the promises of God that are meaningful to you. Reflect on past experiences where you have seen God's promises fulfilled.

Week 5: Trust and Transformation in the Life of Jacob (Genesis 32:22-32)

Step 1: Observation

1. Read Genesis 32:22-32: Focus on Jacob's wrestling match and the outcome.
2. Questions to Consider:
 - a. How does Jacob's wrestling end?
 - b. What is the significance of Jacob's name being changed to Israel?

Step 2: Interpretation

1. Meaning:
 - a. What does wrestling with God symbolize in Jacob's life?
 - b. How does this event mark a turning point for Jacob?

Step 3: Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- a. What personal struggles are you currently facing where you need God's intervention?
- b. How can you allow God to transform you through these struggles?

2. Activity:

Journal: Write about a struggle you're facing and how you believe God can help you through it. Reflect on what it might mean for God to transform you in this area.

Week 6: Joseph: A Story of Providence and Forgiveness (Genesis 37:1-11; Genesis 50:15-21)

Step 1: Observation

1. Read Genesis 37:1-11; Genesis 50:15-21:** Focus on the beginning of Joseph's story and his actions at the end.
2. Questions to Consider:
 - a. What dreams did Joseph have, and how did his brothers react?

- b. How did Joseph respond to his brothers when they asked for forgiveness?

Step 2: Interpretation

1. Meaning:

- a. What do Joseph's dreams signify about God's plans for him?
- b. How does Joseph's forgiveness reflect God's grace?

Step 3: Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- a. How can you see God's hand at work in difficult situations in your life?
- b. Are there people you need to forgive as Joseph did?

2. Activity:

Forgiveness Exercise: Write a letter (you don't have to send it) to someone you need to forgive. Express your feelings and then choose to forgive them, just as Joseph did.

Week 7: Reflect and Apply

Review and Reflect:

Review your notes and reflections from the past six weeks.

Questions to Consider:

- Which lesson or theme impacted you the most?
- How has your understanding of Genesis deepened?

General Application:

Personal Growth:

- How can you apply the lessons from Genesis to your daily life?
- In what ways can you trust God more and reflect His image in your actions?

Activity:

Group Discussion or Sharing: If you're part of a study group, share your insights and learn from others. Discuss practical ways you can live out the lessons from Genesis in your community or family.

Prayer:

Pray for continued growth in understanding God's Word and applying it in your life. Ask for guidance, faith, and the courage to live according to His promises.

Conclusion:

Studying Genesis through the Inductive Bible Study Method helps build a strong foundation in understanding God's creation, promises, and faithfulness. By observing, interpreting, and applying these lessons, you can deepen your faith and live a life that reflects God's love and purpose.