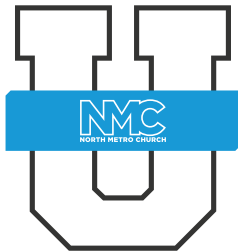


SEMESTER 1 WEEK 2

Bible Foundations 2

Genesis–Revelation Storyline

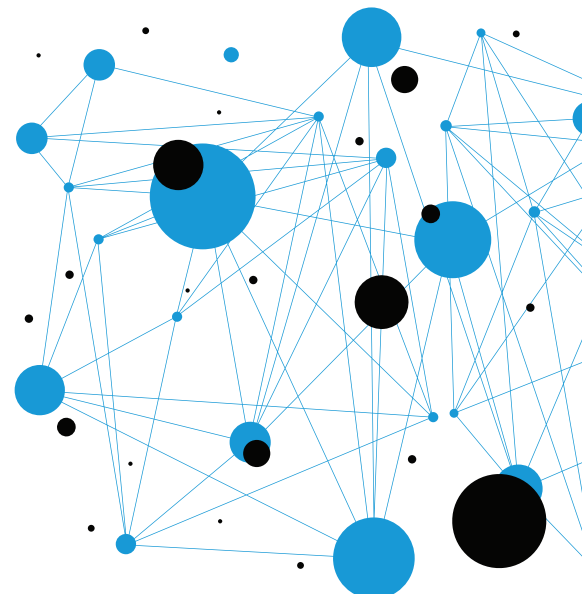
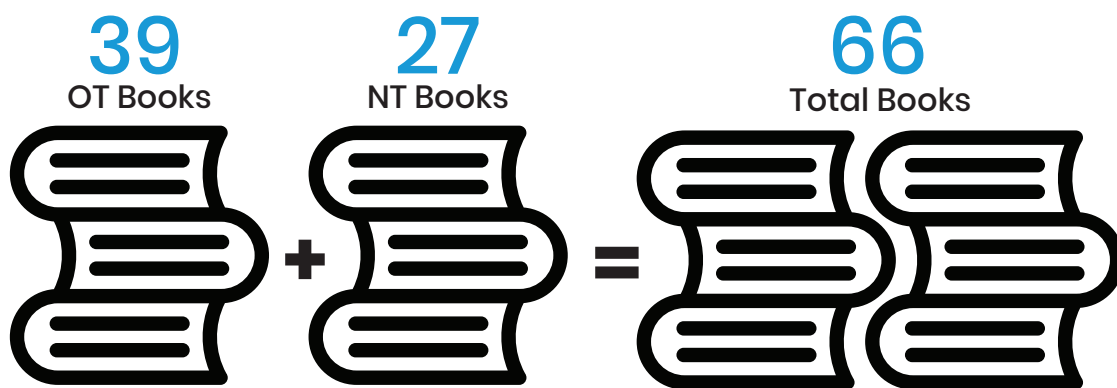


**MAKING DISCIPLES
THAT MAKE DISCIPLES.**



The English Structure of the Bible

Old Testament (OT) & New Testament (NT)



Old Testament | 39 Books

5-12-5-5-12

1

5

Torah/Pentateuch/Books of the Law

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

2

12

Theological History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

3

5

Wisdom/Poetry

Job
Psalm
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon (Songs)

4

5

Major Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

5

12

Minor Prophets

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

OT

New Testament | 27 Books

4-1-21-1

1

4

Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

2

1

Theological History

Acts

3

21

Epistles/Letters

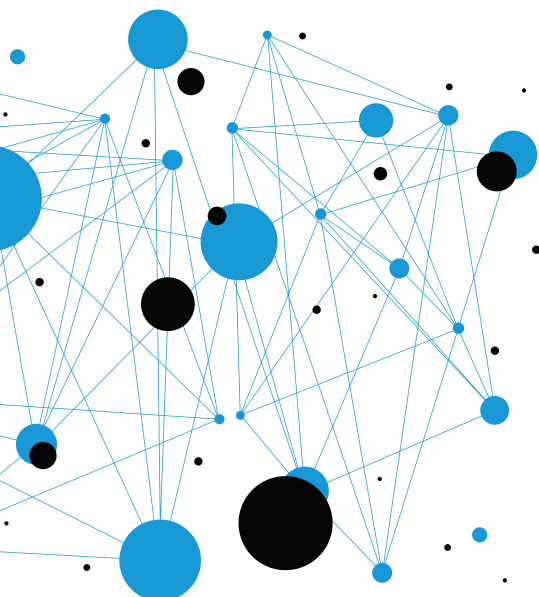
Romans
1 & 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 & 2 Thessalonians
1 & 2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 & 2 Peter
1, 2, & 3 John
Jude

4

1

Apocalyptic Epistle/Letter

Revelation (there is no "s")



NT

PART 1: Creation & Conflict

Creation & Conflict - *God created mankind in His image to reflect His glory, but when man tries to be like God, sin enters, and conflict and chaos arise.*

Genesis 1-2 | God is the Creator

He is the One God AND the Creator of all things. This is important to the original audience because it sets God apart from the deities of the Ancient Near East (ANE) culture.

Genesis 3 | The Fall of Man

Sin has brought death and perfect peace is broken.

Genesis 4:1-6:7 | Sin & Chaos Begin to Spread

Cain murders Abel and sin spreads exponentially.

Genesis 6:8-10:32 | The Flood Narrative

Noah, his wife, three sons, and three daughter-in-laws experience the flood.

Genesis 11 | The Tower of Babel

The people of the earth tried to build a tower to the heavens to make a name for themselves.

PART 2: A Covenant God

A Covenant God - *The LORD makes an unconditional covenant with Abraham. The LORD keeps his promise through the Patriarchal line and their descendants, even in the midst of multiple threats to the promise.*

Genesis 12-23 | Abraham

The LORD makes a covenant with Abraham to give him a land, birth a nation through him, and a worldwide blessing will come through him.

Genesis 24-26 | Isaac

The LORD keeps the covenant through Abraham's son, Isaac, birthed to Abraham at the age of 100.

Genesis 27-36 | Jacob

The LORD keeps the covenant through Jacob, changing Jacob's name to Israel. Israel is the father of 12 sons who become the 12 tribes of Israel.

Genesis 37-50 | Joseph

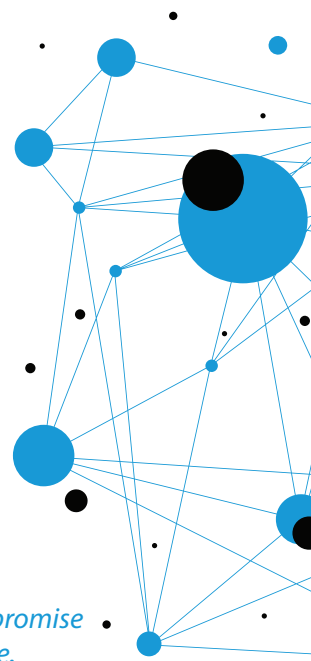
The life of Joseph demonstrates how God can use man's evil plans for His good.

PART 3: Called, Commanded, And Counted: Repeat

Called, Commanded, and Counted: Repeat - *The LORD calls His people out of captivity and makes a conditional covenant through Moses, as He continues His unconditional covenant through Abraham.*

Exodus 1-18 | Moses & The Exodus

The Israelite population has exploded, even in the midst of slavery, and Moses is called to deliver them from captivity.



Exodus 19-24 | Laws of the Land & The Mosaic Covenant

The LORD gives the gracious provision of the Mosaic Covenant showing the nation of Israel how to live in the future Promised Land.

Exodus 25-40 | Divine Worship

The LORD gives the details of the Tabernacle, a portable earthly dwelling place where the LORD's presence will remain among His people in the wilderness.

Leviticus | The Law

The LORD graciously gives laws for the priests, known as Levites, and sets up a sacrificial system for His people.

Numbers | Census 1 & 2

This is a counting of the first generation out of Egypt, failure in the wilderness, and then a counting of the second generation who will enter the land.

Deuteronomy | Commands, Blessings, Cursings, and a Change of Leadership

This is a teaching of the Law to the second generation who will enter the Land. This is the lens for the rest of the Old Testament narrative.

PART 4: In The Land

In The Land - Joshua and the Israelites enter the long-awaited Promised Land; however, when the generation after Joshua dies, the LORD is not remembered.

Joshua 1-24 | Joshua

Joshua leads Israel to the Promised Land and they're divided into the 12 land tribes, each with a plot of land.

Judges 1-21 | Judges

"All that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that He had done for Israel." - Judges 2:10 (ESV)

Everyone, "did what was right in their own eyes" and there is a continued cycle of sin. The people are now living under the rule of judges.

Ruth 1-4 | Ruth

Ruth's story occurs during the time of Judges, and she is a sojourner in the land of Israel. Ruth marries Boaz, and her son will be the seed of the Davidic Kingdom.

PART 5: The United Kingdom of Israel

The United Kingdom of Israel - The LORD's people want an earthly king, and He allows it. The LORD aligns some characters to partake in the ancestral lineage to the King of Kings.

1 Samuel 1-7 | The Prophet Samuel

Samuel is the son of Hannah. He is a priest, a judge, and a prophet. The people of Israel reject the theocracy of the LORD and cry out for an earthly king to be like other nations. Samuel is the last judge before the earthly monarchy is established.

1 Samuel 8-15 | Saul

Saul is chosen as the first king of Israel. He starts out listening to the LORD, but he eventually disobeys Him.

1 Samuel 16- 31; 2 Samuel 1-24; 1 Chronicles 1-29 | David

David, a man after God's own heart, takes the throne after a tumultuous passing of the baton. He rules first in Hebron and then eventually over all of Israel. The LORD makes a covenant with David that further develops the promises in the Abrahamic Covenant, and establishes a King and a Kingdom from David's line that will endure forever.

1 Kings 1-11; 2 Chronicles 1-9 | Solomon

David's son, Solomon, takes the throne. He is known for his wisdom on the throne, but a lack of it in his personal life. He breaks all of the commands in Deuteronomy 17, and after he dies, the kingdom will be split.



Activity: During the break, use this time to continue your drawings on your chart.

PART 6: Wisdom, Worship & Poetry

Wisdom, Worship & Poetry - These books show us how to live our lives while worshiping and loving a faithful God in the midst of all life's circumstances. Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs were most likely written during part 5: The United Kingdom of Israel.

Job 1-42 | Job

Most likely this narrative of suffering occurred during the time of Genesis. The grand purpose is to deal with the motive behind worship, and that it is possible to view life as other than a give-and-get bargain.

Psalms 1-150 | Private & Corporate Worship

This is a book of diversified collection of sacred prayers, poems, and songs sung and spoken in public and private.

Proverbs 1-31 | A Book of Wisdom

Instruction in how the world works and how we should live in it.

Ecclesiastes 1-12 | What is our Purpose in Life?

A reflection on life and its purpose.

Song of Songs 1-14 | Intimacy

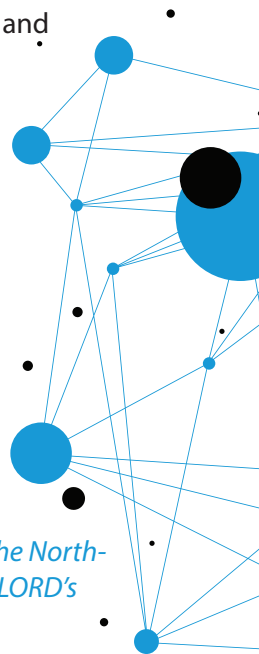
A reflection on intimate covenantal love.

PART 7: The Divided Kingdom of Israel

The Divided Kingdom of Israel - After Solomon's passing, the Kingdom is divided into two kingdoms: the Northern Kingdom (Samaria) & the Southern Kingdom (Judah). Even in the midst of the prophets' warnings, the LORD's people do not turn their hearts towards repentance.

1 Kings 12-14, 20-22; 2 Kings 8-17 | Northern Kingdom (10 tribes)

The Northern Kingdom has 20 different kings (20 evil kings), and eventually, the kingdom is defeated by Assyria in 722 B.C.



1 Kings 15-16; 2 Kings 8-25; 2 Chronicles 10-36:21 | Southern Kingdom (2 tribes)

The Southern Kingdom has 20 different kings (8 good kings and 12 evil kings), and is eventually defeated by Babylonia in 586 B.C.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Micah, Habakkuk & Zephaniah | Prophets

The prophets attempt to warn the kings, priests, officials, and the people of the impending exile should they not turn, repent, and obey the LORD.

PART 8: Exile From The Land

Exile from the Land - *Even in the midst of the prophets' warnings, the LORD's people do not turn, repent, and obey the Lord. Because of this, they're conquered and taken into exile(s).*

Daniel 1-13 | *Daniel

Daniel demonstrates a life of obedience, even in captivity.

Esther 1-10 | *Esther

The providence of God is seen in this story, even though His name is not. This book occurs about 100 years after the Babylonian captivity.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Nahum | Prophets

The prophets explain and reaffirm why the people are in exile, speak comfort to them in exile, and point to a future hope from exile.

**Only two books that take place entirely in exile*

PART 9: Return To The Land

Return to the Land - *The LORD is faithful to His covenant, both to the people still in captivity and to the people returning to the Land.*

2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra, Nehemiah | Ezra & Nehemiah

In 538 B.C, King Cyrus of Persia has defeated Babylon, and he decrees three returns back to Jerusalem.

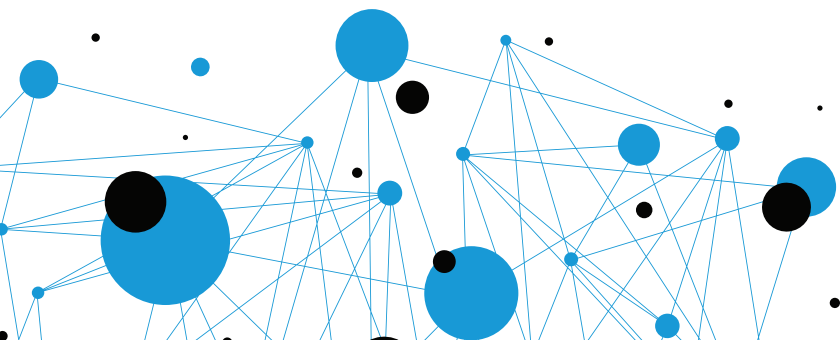
538 B.C. - Zerubbabel returns to rebuild the temple.

458 B.C. - Ezra returns to restore the covenant.

445 B.C. - Nehemiah returns to rebuild Jerusalem's walls.

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi | Prophets

Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi are prophets after the exile who addressed current conflicts while pointing forward to several future hopes.



Part 10: Intertestamental Period – 400 Years of SILENCE

Intertestamental Period - 400 Years of Silence - *Approximately 430 years exists between the close of Malachi and the birth of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah.*

Shifts in Empires

Assyrians in 722 B.C.

Babylonians in 586 B.C.

Persians in 539 B.C. and they remain in rule as the OT ends.

Greek Empire in 334 B.C.

The Greek language becomes the common language, road structures are built, and common currency occurs.

Roman Empire in 63 B.C.

In 63 B.C., the Romans conquered Jerusalem. In 37 B.C., Herod becomes King over Judea and the Romans are in power throughout the N.T.

PART 11: The Expected Messiah

The Expected Messiah - *All of Scripture points to Jesus as the awaited Messiah, the promised King, and the fulfillment of all of the promises and covenants.*

Matt 1- 4:11; Mark 1:1-13; Luke 1- 4:13; John 1:1-34 | Birth, Childhood & Pre-Ministry Years of Jesus

The Messiah is born! The King has come!

Matt 4:12-25:46; Mark 1:14-13:37; Luke 4:14-21:38 John 1:35- 17:26 | Jesus' Ministry Years

The ministry of Jesus is approximately 3 years when Jesus proclaims the arrival of the Kingdom of God. He heals the sick, feeds the hungry, drives out demons, raises the dead, and offers new life. His popularity grows as He is known as a "friend of sinners", but that popularity turns to rejection as the conflict with the religious leaders escalates.

Matt 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22:1-24:49; John 18-21 | Crucifixion, Burial & Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus is crucified, dead, and buried; however, He rose from the dead. It is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone that we are forgiven, put in right relationship with the Father, and made citizens of the Kingdom of God now and for eternity.

PART 12: The Church Begins

The Church Begins - *After Jesus ascends into heaven, the Holy Spirit falls upon His followers, and the Church begins.*

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1 | Preparation for the Pentecost

Jesus ascends into heaven. The followers prepare for the beginning of the Church by waiting and praying together. The disciples replace Judas with Matthias as the 12th disciple.

Acts 2:1-13 | The Day of Pentecost

Ten days after Jesus' ascension, Pentecost occurs. The Holy Spirit falls upon His followers.

PART 13: The Church Multiplies

The Church Multiplies - *The church multiplies numerically and geographically as the gospel is shared through the power of the Holy Spirit and strategic mission trips.*

Acts 2:14-12:25| Peter, Missionary to the Jews

Peter drives most of the action in this section of Acts, and the church grows up in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and even into Antioch.

Acts 13-28| Paul, Missionary to the Gentiles

Paul drives most of the action in this section of Acts, and the church spreads to Greece, Macedonia, Asia Minor, and "to the ends of the earth."

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude | Letters to the Churches

These are letters to the churches explaining the gospel, how to live in response to the gospel, how to proclaim the gospel, how to live together as the church, and the future hope we have in Jesus.

PART 14: An Apocalyptic Letter To The Churches

An Apocalyptic Letter to the Churches - *The apocalyptic words in Revelation set the stage for the return and reign of Jesus.*

Revelation 1-20| Sevens, Events & The Return of Christ

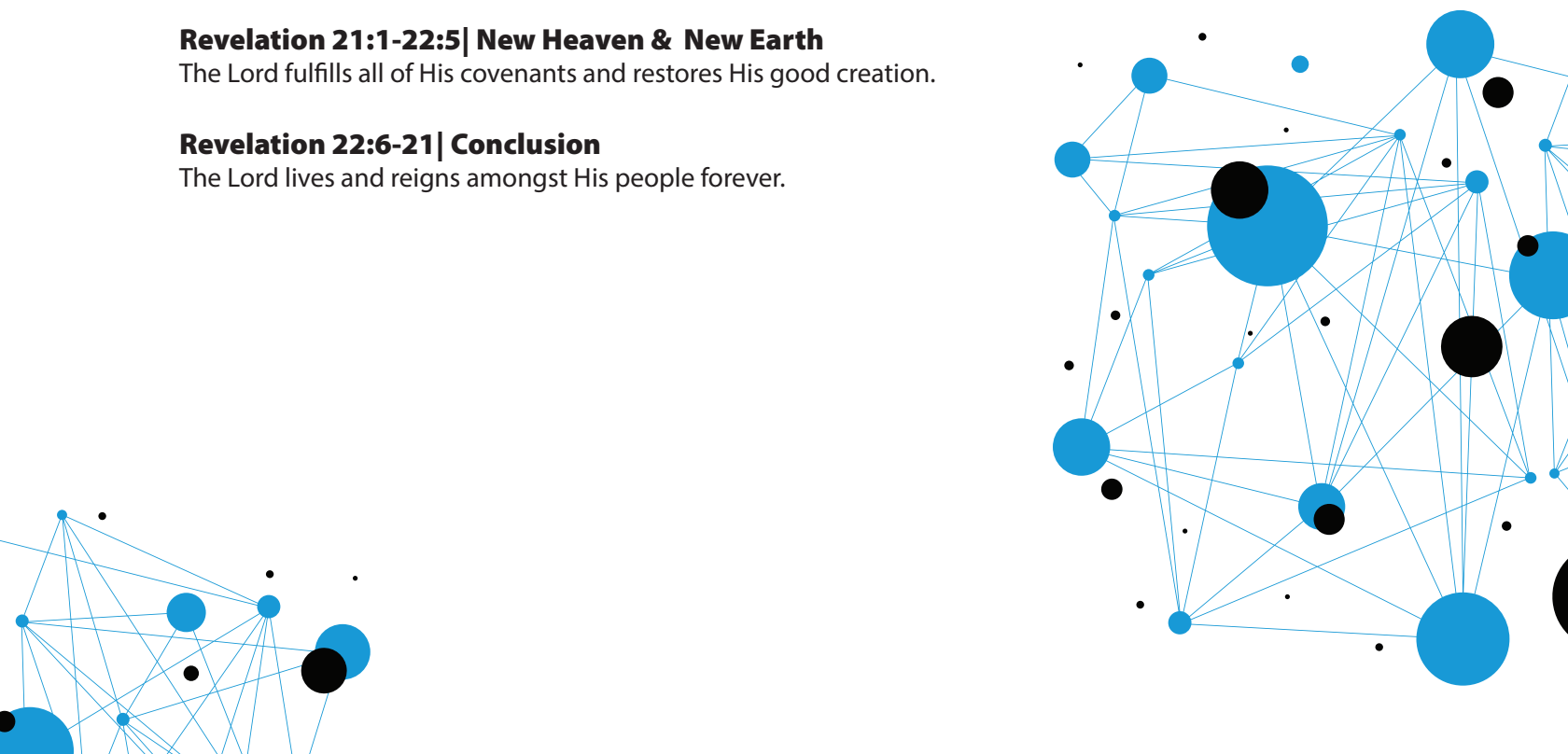
A letter to the seven churches in Asia Minor is presented. This is a book of prophecy with both foretellings and forthtellings. Apocalyptic literature is presented in colorful language and imagery where the LORD defeats the power of evil in totality and reverses the curse of sin.

Revelation 21:1-22:5| New Heaven & New Earth

The Lord fulfills all of His covenants and restores His good creation.

Revelation 22:6-21| Conclusion

The Lord lives and reigns amongst His people forever.





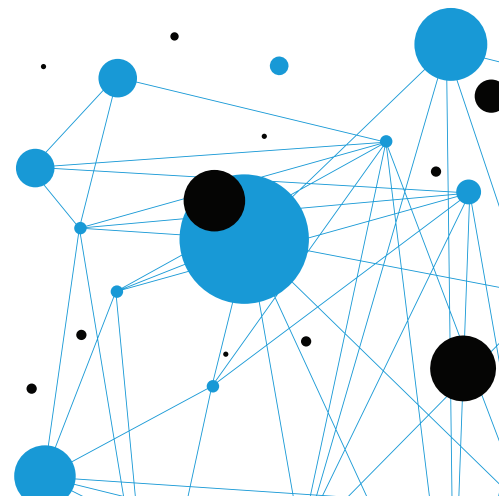
Takeaways

1. Refer to your chart when reading from a passage of Scripture. This will give you historical context and background knowledge for any section of the Bible you are reading.
2. When someone states that the Old Testament is outdated, you can show them that the Old Testament is a vital part of the storyline of Scripture.



Group Discussion Questions

1. What surprised you today? What did you learn that you didn't know already? Did you see anything differently today?
2. What did you learn about the character and nature of the Lord (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?
3. Whenever you read your Bible, listen to a sermon, or sit in a Bible study, do you ever examine it through the lens of the whole story of Scripture? If not, we would suggest that this is a great practice to take to enrich and enhance your Bible study.



Between Classes

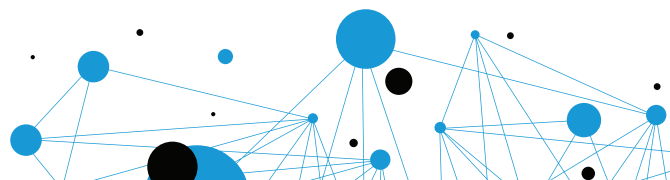


- **Watch:** See Teachable under, “Between Classes”
- **Listen:** See Teachable under, “Between Classes”
- **Read to Preview Next Week’s Passages:** Genesis 1-2 (This indicates reading all of the verses in Chapter 1 and Chapter 2. The Chapters are noted by a large numeric text in your Bible and the verses are the small numeric text.)
- **Review:** Content from class (slides available on Teachable)
- **Write:** A one-paragraph description of what we talked about in class and what you learned from it.

EXAMPLE

The English Structure of the Christian Canon is divided into an OT and a NT. There are 39 books in the OT and 27 books in the NT. There were approximately 430 years of silence in between the two testaments. The OT is not an outdated, irrelevant text. Genesis through Revelation is the storyline of God's Redemptive Plan for mankind.

YOUR WORDS

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