

# Preparation & Even More

Personal Bible Study for Week of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
(To Be Available Weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

## God Begins the Story

# Monday & Tuesday

### 1. God Creates – Read Genesis 1:1-31

- *Today's lesson centers on God as Creator and people as His prime creation. As we begin our look at the "big story" of God's redemptive love, are you establishing the proper relationship between Creator and created?*
- *Since God alone creates, He alone stands in a position far superior to any of His creations, including people. How in your life do you show and act superior to God?*
- *Yet God seeks a personal relationship with people. The advent of sin leaves people estranged from God. God graciously intervenes to restore the relationship. In doing so, His great story of redemptive love begins. How do you especially appreciate God's redemptive love for you?*

# Wednesday & Thursday

The following articles relate to this lesson and are contained in this packet for your reading. You do not have to read all these articles in one sitting, but intersperse them throughout the week's study.

- *"Creation in Ancient Near Eastern Thought"*
- *"In God's Image"*
- *"God Created: A Word Study"*
- *"To Have Dominion Over All the Earth"*
- *"In the Beginning"*
- *"Comparing Genesis and John "In the Beginning"*
- *"Comparing John 1 with Genesis 1"*

## **2. Humanity Rebels – Read Genesis 2:1-25**

- *What frustrates you most about Adam and Eve's rebellion? What frustrates you most about your own?*
- *Why do you think the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was so enticing?*
- *Right now, what in your life is masquerading as a tree of the knowledge of good and evil?*
- *If you're married, when have you led your spouse into sin? When has your spouse led you into sin? How did it affect your relationship?*
- *In this season of life, do you feel spiritually naked before God? How have you tried to cover yourself up?*

# **Friday & Saturday**

## **3. Sin Has Consequences – Read Genesis 3:1-24**

- *God's Story has barely begun yet we already see sin and its consequences. What does it say to you that such serious events occur so early in the Story?*
- *This week, how has your labor been intensified because of the Fall?*
- *If people had never sinned, what would be different about marriage relationships?*
- *Evaluate your intimacy with God. In what areas do you struggle the most?*
- *In what ways does your relationship with God affect your relationship with your family or your coworkers?*
- *Review the first three chapters of Genesis. What indications do you find that God made you for a relationship with Him?*

**Pray for Pastor Jim's Message  
weekend of October 13th**