

Beginnings

Week 1/Introduction

I. Introductory questions (“Reading the envelope”)

- a. How did “Genesis” get its name?
- b. Who wrote it?
- c. When was it written?
- d. To whom was it written?
- e. In what style was it written?
- f. What is the central theme?

II. Why study the book of Genesis?

- a. G - _____
 - We want to be _____ through an ever deepening knowledge of _____.
 - Isaiah 6:1-8

b. E - _____

- Matt. 22:35-38; Rom. 12:2
- “The heart cannot love what the _____ does not know....If we want to feel deeply about God we must learn to _____ deeply about God.” (Jen Wilkin, *Women of the Word*, 31, 33)

c. N - _____

d. E - _____

- Romans 15:4

e. S - _____

- One significant lesson that shows up again and again throughout the book of Genesis is that salvation is _____. Man is sinful and corrupt and completely incapable of saving _____ from the deadly and eternally damning curse of sin.
- “On a large scale, Genesis 1-11 sets forth a singular message about the character and works of God. In the sequence of accounts which make up these chapters of Scripture, a pattern emerges which reveals God’s abundant grace as He responded to the willful disobedience of mankind. ***Without exception, in each account God increased the manifestation of His grace.*** But also without exception, man responded in greater sinful rebellion.” – John MacArthur
- Romans 5:20 – “Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”

f. I - _____

g. S - _____

- Luke 24: 27, 31, 32

- John 5:39

- Why study the book of Genesis? Because _____ is there!