

*RBCPC*  
*2011 Study Series*



*Week #1*  
*Study Guide*

Genesis

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## **Overview**

The book of Genesis is the beginning of the story of the nature of God. It begins to answer the questions we have such as: who is God?, and, what is He like? Through the stories of real people we learn from their successes and failures what God is like and what He expects of us. These stories are not only colorful and action packed, but also full of promises, blessings and hope.

## **Scripture Study – Key Passages**

Open your Bible and read the following passages:

### ***Genesis 1:27-31***

1. Discuss what it means to be created *“in the image of God.”*
2. What characteristics do you share with your parents?
3. What characteristics do you think you share with God?  
    Physically?  
    Emotionally?  
    Spiritually?
4. What characteristic do you most need to work on to be more like God? What makes it so difficult for you?

### ***Genesis 12:3***

1. What does God promise Abraham?
2. Why is it important to God that all *“peoples on earth will be blessed?”*
3. Why does God choose to use Abraham to bless others? Why doesn't God just bless people himself?
4. What does this say to you about how God might want to use you to bless others?

### ***Genesis 50:20***

1. How does God turn “harm” into “good” in the story of Joseph?
2. How does this reveal God's faithfulness?
3. What does this passage say to you about who is in control?
4. Why is “being in control” so desirable to humans?
5. What are you controlling that you need to release to God?

## **Key Concepts**

1. God reveals Himself to us.
2. God can and will overcome all obstacles to achieve His purpose.

Discuss how you see these key concepts displayed in the stories of:

Cain & Abel  
Noah & the Flood  
Jacob & Esau  
Joseph & his brothers

### **Reflection**

Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. In light of this scripture we studied last week, that the Bible is God's inspired Word, reflect on how the book of Genesis is a personal message to you. What benefit have you gained from studying God's inspired Word this week?

### **Prayer**

Abraham did not have a Bible as a "reference manual" for his faith. How did Abraham maintain and grow his relationship with God?

1. Commit to pray regularly so that you can have a relationship with God where you will have the eyes to see God's presence in your everyday life.
2. Pray that God would help you to learn the lessons about yourself that He is teaching you, and the truth about Himself that He is showing you.

### **Homework**

Read Genesis chapters 37 – 50, in preparation for the sermon on Jan. 15/16, "*Joseph: A Classic Story.*" Mark words, or phrases that stand out to you.

### **Notes & Reflections:**

