

## **OVERVIEW Bible Study Curriculum, Volume 2**

### **Ministry To Youth**

**COLOSSIANS:** A 4-week small group Bible study on Colossians

**ROMANS 12:** A 4-week small group Bible study, based on Romans 12, on what it means to be a living sacrifice.

**PAUL:** A 4-week Bible study on Paul's life.

**1 & 2 THESSALONIANS:** A small group Bible study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

**RUTH:** A 4-week small group Bible study on the book of Ruth.

**PETER:** A 4-week small group Bible study on 1 & 2 Peter.

**MATTHEW:** A 4-week Bible study helping students understand the good news of Jesus based on the book of Matthew.

**EXODUS Pt 1:** Part 1 - A 4-week Bible study on the book of Exodus. The story of the Israelites freedom from slavery in Egypt. The book lays the foundation of how God reveals himself, his attributes, his redemption, how he is to be worshiped, and so much more.

**EXODUS Pt 2:** Part 2 - A 4-week Bible study on the book of Exodus. The story of the Israelites freedom from slavery in Egypt. The book lays the foundation of how God reveals himself, his attributes, his redemption, how he is to be worshiped, and so much more.

**GENESIS:** A 4-week small group Bible study series on the origin stories in Genesis. Adam and Eve (week 1); Abraham and Sarah (week 2); Isaac and Rebecca (week 3); Jacob and Leah Rachel (week 4).

**1 SAMUEL:** A 4-week small group Bible study on the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David.

**2 SAMUEL:** A small group Bible study on the life of David in 2 Samuel.

**ADVENT:** A small group Bible study on anticipating and preparing for the coming of Jesus.

## **COLOSSIANS - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1

Bible: Colossians 1:15-20

Bottom Line: Everything that matters starts with Jesus

Lesson 2

Bible: Colossians 2:13-15

Bottom Line: Jesus defeated all things to give us new life

Lesson 3

Bible: Colossians 3:10-14

Bottom Line: The way we live doesn't save us, but it reveals that Jesus lives in us

Lesson 4

Bible: Colossians 4:5-6

Bottom Line: Our lives help people find their place in the Kingdom of God

## **ROMANS 12 - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Living Sacrifice

Bible Verses: Romans 12:1-5

Bottom Line: Following Jesus involves making a daily choice to be changed by God in the midst of the Christian family.

Topics: humility, change, commitment, family, community, culture

Lesson 2: Life with the Christian Family

Bible Verses: Romans 12:6-13

Bottom Line: Be actively involved in helping others in the family of God.

Topics: serving, love, hate, evil, good, hard work, family, prayer

Lesson 3: Life with Our Neighbors

Bible Verses: Romans 12:14-16

Bottom Line: The more we imitate Jesus, the better we'll follow Paul's instructions with our neighbors.

Topics: compassion, humility, pride, Jesus, empathy, celebration, connection, community

Lesson 4: Your Part and God's Part

Bible Verses: Romans 12:17-21

Bottom Line: It's hard, but worth it, to conquer evil by doing good.  
Topics: justice, peace, revenge, love, kindness, compassion, evil, good

## **PAUL - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Saved By Grace

Bible Verses: Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 1:6-9, Ephesians 2:10

Bottom Line: Paul repeatedly taught that salvation comes through grace alone, not by our works.

Topic: Salvation, Grace, Works, False Teachings

Lesson 2: Redeemed and Used by God

Bible Verses: Galatians 1:11-15, Ephesians 2:1-7, Philippians 1:12-14

Bottom Line: No matter your past, you can be used by God.

Topic: Living for God, New Life in Christ, Spreading the Gospel, Sharing Your Testimony

Lesson 3: Living for God

Bible Verses: Galatians 1:10, Matthew 28:19-20, Philippians 1:20-24

Bottom Line: As Christians, we can follow Paul's lead in living for God and not man.

Topic: The Great Commission, Idolatry, Serving God

Lesson 4: It's Not About Us

Bible Verses: Philippians 2:3-4, Philippians 2:5-8, Ephesians 3:8

Bottom Line: Paul teaches us to live with humility and selflessness, a message that contradicts the teachings of our culture.

Topic: Humility, Selflessness, Loving Others

## **1 & 2 THESSALONIANS - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Faithfulness Yields Results

Bible Verses: 1 Thessalonians 3:4-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-13, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7

Bottom Line: When we are faithful to God, His teachings, and one another, His word will be spread and people will be encouraged.

Lesson 2: A Life Pleasing to God

Bible Verses: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Bottom Line: We can and should live a life that is pleasing to God.

### Lesson 3: Opposition

Bible Verses: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:15.

Bottom Line: There are several types of individuals who might oppose our efforts to live out our faith, but we should not be discouraged.

### Lesson 4: Christ's Return

Bible Verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

Bottom Line: As Christ followers, Jesus' return is something we should look forward to.

## **RUTH - OVERVIEW**

### Lesson 1: Tragedy and Loyalty

Bible Verses: Ruth 1:1-22

Bottom Line: We can't control our situations, only how we respond.

### Lesson 2: God Provides Beyond our Understanding

Bible Verses: Ruth 2:1-23

Bottom Line: God's provision is not always understandable, but can spark gratitude in our hearts towards Him.

### Lesson 3: A Time for Action ... and Waiting

Bible Verses: Ruth 3:1-18

Bottom Line: God cares for each of us, even if it's hard for us to be patient and see it.

### Lesson 4: God Can Do the Extraordinary in the Ordinary

Bible Verses: Ruth 4:1-22

Bottom Line: Our decisions affect more than just us and have the potential to be part of God bringing hope to more people than we imagine.

## **PETER - OVERVIEW**

### Lesson 1: Endure suffering for Jesus with hope in Jesus

Bible Verses: 1 Peter 1:1 - 2:12

Bottom Line: The hope we have because of Jesus is greater than any hardships we face now from other people.

Topics: suffering, family, hope, Old Testament, endurance

Lesson 2: Suffering like our Savior

Bible Verses: 1 Peter 2:13 - 5:13

Bottom Line: Humility, pro-active love, and readiness for spiritual battle should characterize a believer.

Topics: authority, respect, submission, loving enemies, spiritual warfare

Lesson 3: Learn about and live like Jesus

Bible Verses: 2 Peter 1:1-15

Bottom Line: In response to what God has done for us, we should be developing character traits that help us live more like Jesus.

Topics: God's saving work, our response, character, Church family, loving everyone

Lesson 4: Resisting false teachers by knowing the truth

Bible Verses: 2 Peter 1:16 - 3:18

Bottom Line: Grow in your knowledge of Jesus so that you can resist false teachers and live more like Jesus.

Topics: eyewitness testimony, false teachers, studying Scripture, life-long pursuit of living like Jesus

## **MATTHEW - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: God's Rescue Operation for the World

Bible: Matthew 5:13-16, 33-37, 43-47

Topics: made in God's image, evangelism, faith conversations, honesty

Bottom Line: How do we live in God's kingdom?

Lesson 2: What It Looks Like to Follow Jesus

Bible: Matthew 6:1-4, 25-33; 7:1-5, 24-27

Topics: generosity, worry, trust, accountability, following Jesus and His teaching

Bottom Line: Jesus' strange teachings challenge us to live differently.

Lesson 3: Individuals Have Life-Changing Encounters with Jesus

Bible: Matthew 8:5-13; 9:9-13, 35-38

Topics: faith, following Jesus, spiritual influence, evangelism, ministry

Bottom Line: Jesus brings the kingdom into people's lives.

Lesson 4: Passover, the Suffering Servant, and the Great Commission

Bible: Matthew 26:17-29; 27:45-54, 57-61; 28:18-20

Topics: Passover, sacrifice, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, Great Commission

Bottom Line: Jesus hands off the ministry to the Apostles ... and us!

## **EXODUS Pt. 1 - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Moses' Beginnings

Bible: Exodus 1-4

Bottom Line: When we feel like strangers, God calls us family.

Topics: Feeling lost and disconnected, new season and new purpose

Lesson 2: Moses' Plead with Pharaoh

Bible: Exodus 5-7:13

Bottom Line: Even when you have no idea, God has a plan.

Topics: Doubt, Uncertainty, God's Plan, Obedience, Trust, and Faith.

Lesson 3: Moses and the Plagues

Bible: Exodus 7:14-14

Bottom Line: God is bigger than our enemies.

Topics: Trials, doubt, faith, deliverance, God's sovereignty, and God's plan.

Lesson 4: Moses and Israel Journey Through the Wilderness

Bible: Exodus 15-20

Bottom Line: God's plan for you will take you on an incredible journey.

Topics: Gratitude, Trust, Obedience, Faith, Hope, God's Plan, Doubt, Fear and Worry.

## **EXODUS Pt. 2 - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Social Justice, Celebrations, and Commitment

Bible: Exodus 21-24; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:38-42; 22:34-40; Luke 19:8

Bottom Line: God has always cared about our relationship with Him and other people. We should too.

Topics: Commands, Worship, Social Justice, Restitution, Commitment

Lesson 2: Plans for the Tabernacle

Bible: Exodus 25-31; Exodus 25:8-9; 26:31-33; 31:12-17; Matthew 27:45-51; John 1:14

Bottom Line: God wants to be as close to us as possible!

Topics: God's Presence, Access to God, Sabbath (Rest/Worship)

Lesson 3: Israel Breaks the Covenant

Bible: Exodus 32-34; Exodus 32:1-8, 30-34; 33:7-11; Romans 3:23-28; 5:8-11

Bottom Line: There are consequences for sin, but thank God there are also grace and forgiveness!

Topics: Breaking Commitment, Idols, Friendship with God, Sin/Salvation

Lesson 4: Moses, the Complete Tabernacle, and God's Glory

Bible: Exodus 35-40; Exodus 35:4-9, 20-35; 36:1-7; Matthew 15:37-38; Luke 9:17; Romans 12:4-8

Bottom Line: Just like the Israelites, we each have something to contribute to the work God is doing in the world today!

Topics: Generosity, Work, Teamwork, Humility, God's Presence and Guidance

## **GENESIS - OVERVIEW**

Bible: Genesis 1:26 - 2:25; 3:1-24

Topics: Creation, Relationship with God, Temptation, Responsibility, Choices, Sin

Bottom Line: We are more like the first man and woman than we realize - and have much to learn from them.

Lesson 2: Abraham and Sarah

Bible: Genesis 12:1-5; 15:1-6; 17:1-9, 15-22; 21:1-7

Topics: Faith, Promises, Trust, Waiting, Laughter

Bottom Line: God keeps His promises - even if you laugh and have to wait.

Lesson 3: Isaac and Rebekah

Bible: Genesis 25:19-26; 26:1-6; 28:3-4, 10-16, 18-22

Topics: Family, Promises, Generations, God's Presence

Bottom Line: You can trust God to keep His promises and to be present everywhere you go.

Lesson 4: Jacob, Leah, and Rachel

Bible: Genesis 29:1 - 30:24; 32:22-28; 33:1-5; 35:6-15; Matthew 1:2

Topics: Marriage, Family, Hard Work, Reconciliation, Identity, God's Promises

Bottom Line: You don't have to have a perfect family to participate in God's plan.

## **1 SAMUEL - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Samuel's Story

Bible Verses: 1 Samuel 1:1-28, 3:1-21, 8:1-22; Ephesians 2:10

Bottom Line: Samuel's identity was found in God.

Topic: Identity, faith, obedience and perseverance.

Lesson 2: Saul's Story Pt. 1

Bible Verses: 1 Samuel 9-11, 13.

Bottom Line: Saul's identity is found in his ambitions

Topic: Identity, appearances, leadership, faith, humility, sin and disobedience.

Lesson 3: Saul's Story Pt. 2

Bible Verses: 1 Samuel 15:9-31, 18:1-11

Bottom Line: Humble leadership focuses on God, rather than on others or yourself.

Topic: Faith, obedience, rejection, despair and jealousy.

Lesson 4: David's Story

Bible Verses: 1 Samuel 16-17

Bottom Line: David's identity was found in God and God alone.

Topic: Faith, God's power and confidence, trials and facing giants.

## **2 SAMUEL - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Living Undignified

Bible Verses: 2 Samuel 6; 7; 1 Corinthians 4:10-14; Luke 1:38; Genesis 12; Isaiah 11

Bottom Line: We should live humbly and be able to worship "undignified".

Topic: Worship, God's Presence, Humility, Messianic Prophecy, "Foolishness" for God

Lesson 2: Shocking Kindness

Bible Verses: 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 19:15-40

Bottom Line: Instead of responding as expected or by getting revenge, it's better to bless others by surprising them with kindness and mercy.

Topic: Expectations, Forgiveness, Kindness, Mercy

Lesson 3: Dealing with Sin

Bible Verses: 2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-25; John 3:16-17; Romans 3:23; 5:6-9; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 10:13

Bottom Line: We all, like David, sin and have to deal with those consequences. Thankfully, God offers us His grace, if we'll accept it.

Topic: Temptation, Sin, Consequences, Accountability, Grace, Forgiveness, Hope, Salvation

Lesson 4: God, the Rescuer

Bible Verses: 2 Samuel 22:1-51; 23:8-39

Bottom Line: We should remember, be grateful, and celebrate what God has done for others and us, including the closest friends we have.

Topic: Protection, Rescuer, Safety, Love, Help, Celebration, Remembrance, Gratitude, Friends

## **ADVENT - OVERVIEW**

Lesson 1: Hope

Bible Verses: Romans 15:13, 1 Timothy 4:10, Psalm 62:5-6, Deuteronomy 31:6, 1 Peter 1:3

Bottom Line: We can observe the first theme of Advent, "Hope," by placing our hope in Christ, both now and for the future.

Lesson 2: Love

Bible Verses: Matthew 22:34-40, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Bottom Line: The second week of Advent celebrates the theme of "Love." Love requires action and is something we should show to God and others.

Lesson 3: Joy

Bible Verses: John 16:23-24, Galatians 5:22, Psalm 4:7, Romans 12:12, Psalm 5:11, James 1:2-4, Psalm 16:9-11

Bottom Line: During the third week of Advent, we reflect on joy – and true joy only comes from knowing Christ.

Lesson 4: Peace

Bible Verses: 1 Samuel 16-17

Bottom Line: The fourth week of Advent allows us to reflect on the peace that we find through Jesus – peace that helps us and others.