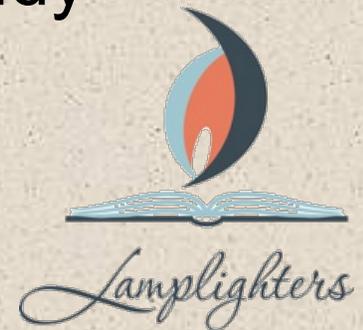


Genesis

Tell me the story

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

September 5, 2012



Announcements

- Welcome!
- Meet the brains of our family
- Meet the teaching team
- Where is my small group?
- Get your lessons on the website:

www.lamplightersbiblestudy.com

Resources, Genesis downloads

- More time in small groups
- Lecture at 9:30



Overview of Today

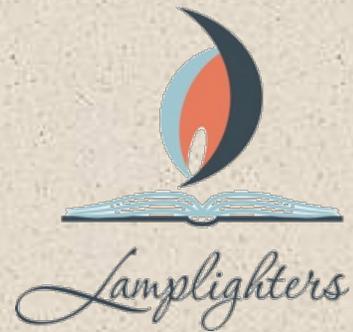
1. Welcome
2. Inductive Bible Study Review
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application
3. Connection
4. Overview of Genesis





Preparation

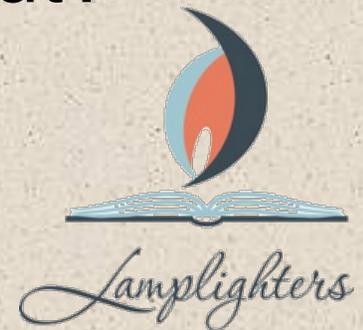
- Find a quiet place to study
- Pray!
- Read 10 – 20 verses
- Read slowly and OUT LOUD!
- Re-read
- Pray!



Observation

What does the text say?

- Listen, feel, taste, touch, smell – engage your senses
- Ask the ‘reporter’ questions – who, what, when, where, how?
- What do you see? What stands out?
- What do you not see? What is missing?



Practice

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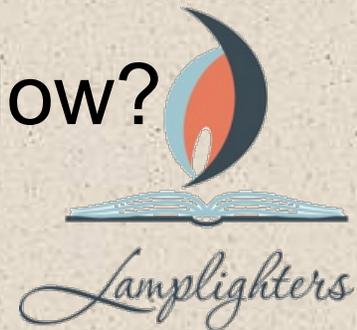
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Interpretation

What does the text mean to all Christians?

- Draw conclusions based on your observations.
- What are the main teachings? Universal principles? Themes? Truths? Promises?
- What attributes of God's character are revealed?
- What does the text mean then? Now?
- Ask questions! Ask why?



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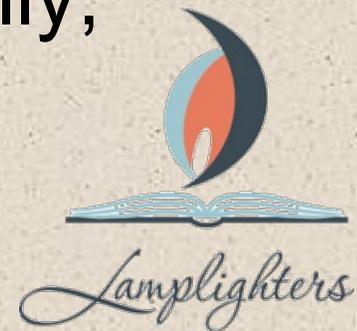
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Application

What is God saying to me?

- Shortest and most challenging section
- Depends on doing Observation and Interpretation well
- Be still and listen
- This is your growth plate – naturally, it's uncomfortable!



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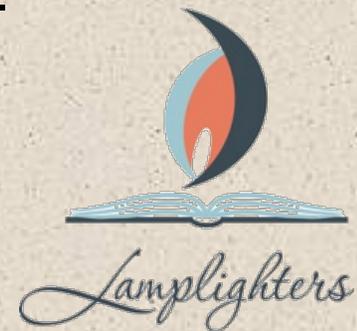
- Applications should be **personal, specific, time sensitive**, and involve a **change of thought or behavior**
- Applications can be **positive** or **negative**
- Tell your small group – be **accountable**
- This is where we are transformed



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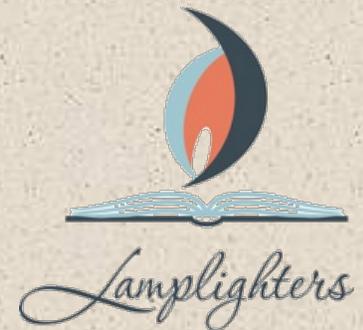
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Connections

- What's that blank page at the end of the lesson?
- What do you mean “no journal”?!
- Stories?



Stories are important because

1. Most effective way to transmit culture, memory, history.
2. Critical role in spiritual growth and character development.
3. They have transformative power.
4. Help us discover our true identity.



Holy Spirit Space

- Open ended, undirected.
- Invitation to explore your own life.
- See God in the details of our lives.
- Extra space is for the part of the week's lesson that resonate with you.
- God has written your story.

Holy Spirit Space

- No right or wrong way.
- Not expected to be polished.
- Not for publication.
- Can share or not.
- Don't have to be big and profound; can be "small" stories about a moment in time.
- Neat and tidy vs. messy and open-ended.
- Allow yourself the gift of time.

A three-masted sailing ship with white sails is shown on a dark blue sea. The ship is positioned on the left side of the image, and its reflection is visible in the water below. The background is a solid dark blue color.

No one should fear
to undertake any task
in the name of our
Savior.

~Christopher Columbus

Lynn's story

Holy Spirit Space—practical tools

- Set aside 20 min or so.
- Deep breaths, relax, let go of distractions.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what story He wants you to tell.
- Be still, listen, pay attention to what comes into your heart and mind
- Explore that thought/word/picture—different forms of expression speak.

Holy Spirit Space—practical tools

- Remember, the point is to see God's activity in our lives.
- Relax; you may get nothing. 20 min. of stillness in Holy Spirit space is a gift and a blessing.

Connection—Holy Spirit space

- Tell your favorite family story.

“In the beginning...”

- Where Genesis fits in the Bible

Reporter Questions

1. What
2. Who
3. Where
4. When
5. To Whom
6. Why
7. Things to remember
8. Why Genesis

Genesis Outline

1. Humankind in general—Gen. 1-11
 - a. Creation
 - b. The Fall
 - c. The Flood
 - d. Babel
2. One Family—Gen. 12-50
 - a. Abraham
 - b. Isaac
 - c. Jacob
 - d. Joseph

“You intended it for evil, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what’s now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Gen. 50: 20

