CHAPTER 1: CREATION

**Big idea:** God’s loving CREATION of humanity to bear His image and rule His world

**Key passages:** Genesis 1-2; Psalm 8

Genesis 1 is not primarily about ______ or ______ but _______ and _______

We are made in the IMAGE OF GOD, meaning we can...

- R________ to God
- R________ God’s character
- R________ God’s glory

and the RESULT is that we can R_______ God’s world.

Theological big idea of the Bible: God is ___________ Himself by establishing His _______ on earth through ________.

CHAPTER 2: REVOLT

**Big idea:** Humanity’s REVOLT against God’s plan brings death in all its forms

**Key passages:** Genesis 3; Ephesians 2:1-3

Sin brings DEATH in all its forms:

- v7: S_______
- v8-10: F_______
- v11-13: B_______
- Death of l_______
- Death of r_______
- Death of our b_______
- Death of our s_______

Yet there is HOPE... v15 is the first promise of the _________
CHAPTER 3: PROMISE

**Big idea:** God’s PROMISE to restore humanity through the family of Abraham

**Key passages:** Genesis 12,15,22

Abraham’s two problems: when we meet him, he is an _______ and he is _______

Abrahamic Covenant promises Abraham ________, ________, and ________

Salvation has always been by ________________ (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-5)

The climax of Genesis 22...
- The command is an _______ for Abraham to show the world how much he’s grown
- The story of Abraham is not just about God’s P ________; it’s also about His P________ of transforming Abraham into His likeness
- Principle: God’s gifts are always designed to help us ________
- Because he obeyed, God seals the covenant with an _______ making it ________

Ironically, Abraham’s son is _______ while God’s Son is _______

Reflection Questions:
1. Think about current popular movies, television shows, books, and internet culture. How does our current 21st century American culture answer the questions, “Why do we exist?” and “What is the meaning of life?” How does this compare to the biblical answer we just discovered?

2. Think about an area of sin you commonly struggle with. How is that sin related to pride? Do you agree that pride is the root of all sin? Why or why not?

3. Abraham’s success as a follower of God was directly proportional to his willingness to trust God when life got hard. Distrust led him to flee a famine and pawn Sarah off as his sister (ch12). Trust led him to rescue Lot (ch14) and obey God’s command concerning Isaac (ch22). When do you struggle to trust God? What circumstances make it harder to trust Him? What circumstances or choices make it easier for you to trust God?