



Walking with God Session One

Introduction and Chapter One: Early World

Reflect:

- Have you considered reading the Bible “canonically,” that is, according to the whole of Scripture? Jesus alluded to this as a wise steward taking out of his storehouse things both old and new.
- Do you believe that understanding the Bible as God’s love letter to His people encourages respect for the unity of Scripture, that it tells a cohesive and coherent narrative?

Act One: Creation

- Have you been guilty of “chronological snobbery”?
- What is the meaning of Creation?
- Why did God create?
- What is our relationship to God?
- Can you point to covenant meals in the Bible?
- The two problems in Genesis 1 and 2: formlessness and emptiness. Does God solve these problems in a logical fashion?
- What is special about the seventh day of Creation?



Act Two: The Fall

- What is meant by “synoptic-resumptive”?
- Why does Scripture use repetitive phrases?
- Why is Eve taken from Adam’s rib (side)?
- How are we made “in the Image and Likeness” of God?
- To what did Satan appeal when he tempted Eve?
- Is it not ironic that giving in to temptation made Adam and Eve less like God?
- True or false: Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Life.
- True or false: We eat of the Tree of Life.
- How does God solve the problem of sin?



Act Three: The Flood

- Why did God not accept Cain's sacrifice?
- How can we understand what is meant by "the sons of God" married women?
- What are some characteristics of Cain's line? Of Seth's line?
- How is the Flood a re-Creation narrative?
- What is Ham's crime? How does this relate to the Holy Land?



Act Four: The Tower of Babel

- Which enemies of Israel come from Ham's line?
- What was wrong about building the Tower of Babel?
- While sin brought people together to build the Tower of Babel, what was the ultimate result of their enterprise?



Recollection: What are some recurring themes in this first chapter of God's love story? Do you recognize any of these themes in your life or in your relationship with God?

