

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 1

Genesis 1-24; Psalm 1-7

- 1. What words are frequently repeated in Genesis 1? What does this repetition suggest about God?**
- 2. In what ways is man made differently from the rest of creation? Why is this significant?**
- 3. Why did Eve eat fruit from the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” despite God’s instruction not to eat it? (Genesis 3:6)**
- 4. Why did God send Adam & Eve out of the Garden? (Genesis 3:22-23)**
- 5. What specific promises does God make to Abraham?**
- 6. Genesis 15:6 says, Abraham “believed” God, and He (God) credited it to him as “righteousness.” What did Abraham believe? Why would this “belief” please God?**
- 7. Circumcision—ouch! Yeah we’re going there. Of all the outward “signs” of being in-covenant, why might God have chosen circumcision?**
- 8. Abraham’s servant is sent to find a wife for Isaac. In light of the servant’s prayer (Genesis 24:12-14), what character qualities is the servant wanting to see in the potential bride?**
- 9. In this week’s reading, where do we see examples of mankind’s sinful tendencies?**
- 10. In this week’s reading, where do we see examples of God’s love for mankind?**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Ask God to reveal the areas in your life in which you need to believe His promises and thank Him for what He has already done.

SMARTY PANTS BONUS QUESTIONS

- 1. What’s up with the “light” in Genesis 1:3?**
- 2. Identify where the standard repetition changes in Genesis 1. What explanations might be given for these deviations (changes) from the baseline pattern?**
- 3. In Genesis 2:15, God places Adam and Eve in the garden to “cultivate and keep” it (NASB95). Compare with other English translations. What is the essential idea behind each word?**