

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Passage: 2 Peter 3:11-18 (et al.)

Memory Passage: 1 Peter 3:13

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 3:15.** This is the final lesson for our sermon series, “The Promise: Christ the Seed of Abraham.” We will spend time reviewing, and then answer the question: “What does all this mean for my life?”
- (b) What did Adam, Eve, and the serpent do to bring about this curse?
- (c) To whom is God speaking in this verse, and why is there enmity between him and the woman?
- (d) Identify the “offspring” mentioned and explain the phrases “he shall bruise your head” and “you shall bruise his heel.”
- (e) Give at least 2 examples of this battle and explain how God acted in each situation to ensure The Promised Seed’s ultimate victory.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Gen. 17:1-13.** What promises does God make to Abraham, and what is Abraham’s responsibility in this covenant?
- (b) According to Galatians 3:16, who is the “offspring” with whom God promised to keep this covenant?
- (c) Explain what Jeff Johnson means by the phrase, “The Dichotomous Nature of the Abrahamic Covenant.”
- (d) How does the Abrahamic Covenant relate to the Covenant of Works (Genesis 2:16-17)?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Deut. 6:1-25.** What does God require of man in the Mosaic Covenant, and what blessings are there for obedience?
- (b) How does the Mosaic Covenant inform us about what is required of man in the Abrahamic Covenant?
- (c) Describe the work of Jesus, The Promised Seed, in light of the requirements & blessings of both the Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants.
- (d) How do God’s OT people fair in light of the requirements of the Mosaic Covenant, and how did God respond?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Jer. 31:31-34.** How does the New Covenant differ from the Old Covenant?
- (b) How does the New Covenant relate to the Covenant of Works, the Abrahamic Covenant, and the Mosaic Covenant?
- (c) To whom are the blessings of the New Covenant applied, and on what basis are they applied?
- (d) How does the work of Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King restore what was lost in the Garden through Adam’s sin?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 2 Peter 3:11-18.** Peter believes that the reality of the New Heavens & the New Earth should affect the way we live now: “What sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness!” How do you both “wait for” and “hasten” the arrival of the Day of God?
- (b) To what promise does Peter refer in v. 13 and how is your waiting, “according to his promise?”
- (c) What 6 things does Peter tell us to pursue in vs. 14-18?
- (d) For each of these commands, describe (1) how you are currently obeying them while awaiting the New Heavens and New Earth, (2) what specific areas you need to change in order to become more obedient to these commands, and (3) how what you have learned in this series will help you become more passionate about living life according to these commands as you wait for the New Heavens and New Earth.

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*How Shall We Then Live?*