



Study Guide - 1

The Lost Kingdom



Pre-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you know your purpose in life?
2. Are you content with your possessions?
3. Are you satisfied with your relationships?
4. Does God have a central role in your life?

DISCOVER

What is the Bible all about? What does it say about God? What does it say about us? How did God intend for man to live? What is God's plan for us? What about sin? How did sin affect all of us? How does God achieve His original plan in the presence of sin in our world?

QUESTION-1: Why should I study the Bible?

READ-1: 2 Tim. 3:15-16

DISCOVERY-1: THE BIBLE GIVES ME WISDOM ABOUT GOD, MY LIFE, AND HIS PURPOSE AND DESTINY FOR ME.

QUESTION-2: What does the Bible say about God?

READ-2.01: Gen. 1:1 READ-2.02: Gen.1:26

DISCOVERY-2: GOD CREATED EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND HE MADE HUMAN BEINGS IN HIS IMAGE.

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QUESTION-3: What was the original purpose of God for creating human beings?

READ-3.01: Gen. 1:27-28

READ-3.02: Psalm 8:3-8

READ-3.03: Psalm 115:16

DISCOVERY-3: GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN WAS FOR MAN TO HAVE "DOMINION" OVER THE EARTH AS GOD'S "IMAGE" OR "SURROGATE" RULER.

The Earth Dominion Principle

God's will and plan are to be done on earth only through man acting as God's surrogate king or representative.

The Three Basic Elements of a "Godly" Relationship:

- (a) *Power of Choice*
- (b) *Capacity for Love*
- (c) *Intimacy with God*

QUESTION-4: What happened to humanity when Adam sinned?

READ-4.01: Rom. 5:12

READ-4.02: Rom. 3:10-12,23

DISCOVERY-4: ADAM'S SIN DISQUALIFIED THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE FROM FULFILLING GOD'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR THEIR CREATION.

The One-Man Principle

The entire human race became sinners because of Adam's sin and because of one man's disobedience, they were all condemned to die.

Our Three Profound Yearnings (the remnant shadow of the image of God):

- (a) The Hunger for Freedom**
- (b) The Desire for Power**
- (c) The Longing for Secure Relationships**

QUESTION-5: What is God's plan regarding fallen humanity?

READ-5.01: Eph. 1:4-5 **READ-5.02:** Rom. 5:18-19

The One-Man Principle

The consequences of one man's one sin (Adam's) are reversed by one man's one act of righteousness (Jesus Christ's).

READ-5.03: Rev. 11:15

DISCOVERY-5: GOD'S UNCHANGING PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO RESTORE THE LOST KINGDOM TO HUMANKIND THROUGH THE WORK OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

QUESTION-6: What is the Good News that Jesus preached?

READ-6.01: Luke 12:32 **READ-6.02:** John 3:16-17

DISCOVERY-6: BECAUSE OF THE OBEDIENCE OF JESUS, I AM MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT AND RESTORED TO GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM.



Key 1

RECOGNIZE ALL MY YEARNINGS AS A HUNGER FOR GOD.

A truthful analysis of every human longing, good or bad, will take me on a journey to a new life where intimacy with God is possible. I need to admit and explore my yearnings because they are part of the remnant shadow of the image of God. I need to realize that these desires are thoroughly human and designed by God to be met only in Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY

The Bible is not about religion or philosophy, but about relationship. God created me to live in perfect relationship with Him and to rule His kingdom on earth as His surrogate "image." God's earth kingdom was lost to humanity because of Adam's disobedience, and I became disqualified from fulfilling the destiny that God originally set for me; but I can be restored to God's eternal kingdom now because of Christ's perfect obedience.

After-Study Survey

Please answer (Yes, No, or Maybe).

1. Do you understand why we long to have perfect relationships?
2. Do you understand that all our longings are a yearning for God?
3. Do you understand that Christ came to recover what Adam lost?

What Now?

(Please Check)

- ☐ I want to know more about God and Jesus.
- ☐ I want to know more about God's plan for my life.
- ☐ I commit to studying with this group the rest of this study course.