



**Discovery Bible Study**

# Topical Study: Genesis to Jesus

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	The Creation Story: God Created the World	Genesis 1:1-25
Session 2	The Creation Story: The Creation of Man	Genesis 2:4-24
Session 3	The Fall: The First Sin and Judgement	Genesis 3:1-13
Session 4	The Fall: Judgement of a Sinful World	Genesis 3:14-24
Session 5	The Fall: The Flood	Genesis 6:1-9:17
Session 6	Redemption: God's Promise to Abram	Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6
Session 7	Redemption: Abraham offers Issac as a Sacrifice	Genesis 22:1-19
Session 8	Redemption: The Promise of Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Session 9	Redemption: The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-21
Session 10	Redemption: The Sacrificial System	Leviticus 4:1-35
Session 11	Redemption: Isaiah Foreshadows the Coming Promise	Isaiah 53
Session 12	Redemption: The Birth of Jesus	Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20
Session 13	Redemption: Jesus is Baptized	Matthew 3; John 1:29-34
Session 14	Redemption: The Temptation of Christ	Matthew 4:1-11
Session 15	Redemption: Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
Session 16	Redemption: Jesus and the Woman at the Well	John 4:1-26, 39-42
Session 17	Redemption: Jesus Forgives and Heals	Luke 5:17-26
Session 18	Redemption: Jesus Calms the Storm	Mark 4:35-41
Session 19	Redemption: Jesus Casts out Evil Spirits	Mark 5:1-20
Session 20	Redemption: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead	John 11:1-44
Session 21	Redemption: The First Lord's Supper	Matthew 26:26-30
Session 22	Redemption: Jesus is Betrayed and Condemned	John 18:1-19:16
Session 23	Redemption: Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:32-56
Session 24	Redemption: Jesus Conquers Death	Luke 24:1-35
Session 25	Redemption: Jesus Appears and Ascends	Luke 24:36-53
Session 26	Redemption: We Have a Choice	John 3:1-21

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# Topical Study: Who Is Jesus?

Meeting	Topic	Scripture
Session 1	The Man: The one who came and lived among humanity	John 1: 1-14
Session 2	The Creator: The creator and sustainer of the universe	Colossians 1:15-20
Session 3	The Servant: The suffering servant	Isaiah 53: 1-5
Session 4	The Servant: The suffering servant	Isaiah 53: 6-9
Session 5	The Servant: The suffering servant	Isaiah 53:10-12
Session 6	The Provider: Jesus calms the storm	Mark 4:35-41
Session 7	The Healer: The healing of a demon possessed man	Mark 5:1-17
Session 8	The Healer: Jesus heals a paralytic	Mark 2:1-12
Session 9	The Healer: Jesus heals a blind man	Mark 10:46-52
Session 10	The Teacher: The greatest commandment	Mark 12: 28-34
Session 11	The Healer: Jesus raises the widow's son from the dead	Luke 7: 11-17
Session 12	The Teacher: Love for enemies	Luke 6: 27-36
Session 13	The Teacher: Those who are blessed	Matthew 4:23 - 5:1-10
Session 14	The Refuge: Rest for the weary	Matthew 11:25-30
Session 15	The Restorer: Jesus and the woman at the well (long passage)	John 4:4-26
Session 16	The Provider: Jesus heals and feeds the four thousand	Matthew 15:29-39
Session 17	The Redeemer: We can be "born again" by believing in Jesus	John 3:1-9, 16-18

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# Topical Study: Men

## Masculinity

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Divine Jesus	God with us	Matthew 1:18-25
Session 2	Human Jesus	Isn't this Joseph's son?	Luke 4:14-30
Session 3	Initiated Jesus	Baptized and tempted	Matthew 3:13-4:11
Session 4	Tough Jesus	Temple cleansing time	Mark 11:12-19
Session 5	Tender Jesus	Jesus wept	John 11:1-44
Session 6	Triumphant Jesus	Jesus' death	Luke 23:44-49

## Accountability

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Need for Others	Lowering through roof	Mark 2:1-12
Session 2	Need for Accountability	Gehazi caught red-handed	2 Kings 5:1-27
Session 3	Need for Support	David's mighty men	2 Samuel 23:8-23
Session 4	Need for Counsel	Rehoboam needs advice	1 Kings 12:1-24
Session 5	Need for Correction	Nathan rebukes David	2 Samuel 12:1-14
Session 6	Need for Mentoring	Moses commissions Joshua	Numbers 27:12-23

## Discipleship

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Fighting Spirit	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:12-50
Session 2	Total Commitment	The rich young man	Mark 10:17-31
Session 3	Obedience	Abraham & Isaac	Genesis 22:1-19
Session 4	Teachable Spirit	Peter's stretching vision	Acts 10:1-23
Session 5	Spreading the Word	Don't just stand there	Acts 1:1-11
Session 6	God's Man at Home	As for me and my house	Joshua 24:1-27

## Attitude Adjustment

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Pressures	Fiery furnace	Daniel 3:1-30
Session 2	Demands	Moses and spoiled Israel	Numbers 11:4-34
Session 3	Chaos	Paul and Silas in prison	Acts 16:16-40
Session 4	Blowing It	Peter denies Jesus	Luke 22:54-62
Session 5	Family Stress	Fractured family	Luke 15:11-32
Session 6	Moving On	Peter steps out of the boat	Matthew 14:22-33

## **Performance Orientation**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Who is the Boss?	Workers in the vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Session 2	My Responsibility	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
Session 3	God's Responsibility	God fights Gideon's battle	Judges 7:1-25
Session 4	Working for Tyrants	Bricks and straw	Exodus 5:1-21
Session 5	Worry is Overwhelming	Moses under stress	Exodus 5:22-6:12
Session 6	Being Content	Abram gives Lot a choice	Genesis 13:1-18

## **Issues Men Face**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Opening Up	Pharisee and tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
Session 2	Fatal Attraction	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Session 3	My Dark Side	Dirty dancing	Mark 6:14-29
Session 4	My Doubts	Help my unbelief	Mark 9:14-29
Session 5	Authority Figures	King Saul fails	I Samuel 13:1-15
Session 6	Spiritual Responsibility	Eli: A failure at home	I Samuel 2:12-26

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## **Being a Dad**

### **What does God teach us about being a father?**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Luke 15:11-32
Session 2	Matthew 10:37-39
Session 3	Genesis 22:1-13

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# Topical Study: Women

### Real Beauty

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	I Don't Measure Up	Amazing affirmation	John 7:53-8:11
Session 2	Struggle to Stay in Shape	Leah and Rachel	Genesis 29:31-30:24
Session 3	Keeping up Image	Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1-13
Session 4	Finding my Own Style	Stylish love	Luke 7:36-50
Session 5	Staying Focused	Wealthy woman focused	2 Kings 4:8-37
Session 6	Achieving Real Beauty	Mary's song	Luke 1:39-56

### When Life Is Not a Party

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Where's the Romance	Rachel and Leah	Genesis 29:1-30
Session 2	Grown Up, and Doing This	Swallowing pride	Jonah 1:1-17
Session 3	Where's My Dream House	The house built on rock	Matthew 7:24-29
Session 4	Where's My Dream Family	Rebekah tricks Isaac	Genesis 27:1-40
Session 5	Weren't We Best Friends	Hagar's favor turns sour	Genesis 16:1-16
Session 6	No More Goodbyes	Mary must say goodbye	John 20:1-18

### Being a Godly Woman

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Seeking God's Truth	Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1-13
Session 2	Using My Gifts	Priscilla	Acts 18:1-4, 18-28
Session 3	Caring for Others	Shunammite Woman	2 Kings 4:8-37
Session 4	Being Bold, Yet Wise	Esther	Esther 4:6-17, 7:1-10
Session 5	Trusting God in Unknown	Ruth	Ruth 1:1-22
Session 6	Giving God the Glory	Mary, mother of Jesus	Luke 1:39-56

### Coping with Change

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	My Changing Relationships	Ruth chooses a new family	Ruth 1:1-22
Session 2	My Changing Home	Abram and Sarai on the move	Genesis 11:27-12:9
Session 3	My Changing Career	Calling of first disciples	Luke 5:1-11
Session 4	My Changing Age	Mary's changing child	Luke 2:41-52
Session 5	My Changing Age	Sarah receives a promise	Genesis 18:1-15
Session 6	My Changing Spiritual Life	Woman gets "living water"	John 4:7-30

## Holding Your Own

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Empathy vs. Obsession	Jesus mourns with friends	John 11:1-44
Session 2	Servanthood vs. Limits	Mary chooses not to serve	Luke 10:38-42
Session 3	Caring for Myself	Accepting help from others	Exodus 18:1-27
Session 4	Speaking Up	Esther speaks for her people	Esther 4:6-17; 7:1-10
Session 5	A Strong Woman	Deborah guides Israel	Judges 4:1-24
Session 6	At Peace with Myself	Jesus at peace in the temple	Luke 2:41-52

## Issues Women Face

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	To Work..or Not to Work	Lydia the businesswoman	Acts 16:11-15
Session 2	What About Submission?	One flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
Session 3	My Role in the Community	Priscilla's gift	Acts 18:1-4, 18-28
Session 4	Can I Love Too Much?	Learning not to do it all	Exodus 18:1-27
Session 5	Why Didn't God Help?	Amnon rapes Tamar	2 Samuel 13:1-22
Session 6	Recovering From Abuse	Jesus heals a bleeding woman	Mark 5:24-34

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## **Bodies by Design Group** **How does God view our physical bodies?**

Meeting	Scripture
Session 1	Psalms 139:13-16
Session 2	I Corinthians 6:12-20
Session 3	I Corinthians 10:23-31
Session 4	Proverbs 3:1-8

## **Motherhood** **What does God have to say to moms?**

Meeting	Scripture
Session 1	Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-30
Session 2	Titus 2:3-5
Session 3	Psalms 127:3-5

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# Topical Study: Singles

## Love and Loneliness

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	I Don't Fit Anywhere	Elijah in the wilderness	I Kings 19:1-18
Session 2	My Need for a Loving Touch	A touching act	Luke 7:36-50
Session 3	My Need for Communication	Early connections	Acts 2:42-47
Session 4	My Need for Companionship	God provides a companion	Genesis 2:4-25
Session 5	Busyness vs. Loneliness	Jesus' life of balance	Mark 1:29-39
Session 6	Making the Most of My Life	Lydia: a servant open to God	Acts 16:11-15

## Pressures

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Making My Own Living	Widow become salesperson	2 Kings 4:1-7
Session 2	Coping With Crisis	Joseph stands under pressure	Genesis 39:1-23
Session 3	Dealing With My Health	Jesus heals a long sickness	John 5:1-15
Session 4	Managing My Finances	Making the most of what I have	Matthew 25:14-30
Session 5	Dealing With Family Issues	God supports Hagar	Genesis 21:1-21
Session 6	Handling My Emotions	Paul's vision brings comfort	Acts 18:5-17

## Being a Complete Person

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Did Jesus Ever Feel Lonely?	Alone in the wilderness	Matthew 3:13-4:11
Session 2	The 'Gift' of Singleness	A high calling	I Corinthians 7:25-35
Session 3	Am I called to be Single?	Each has his own gift	I Corinthians 7:36-40
Session 4	How Can I Best Serve?	The Greatest servant	Mark 10:35-45
Session 5	How Should I Pray?	Jesus prays for God's will	Mark 14:32-42
Session 6	A Whole in One	I can do everything	Philippians 4:10-23

## How to Find a Partner

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Where Should I Look?	Isaac looks for love	Genesis 24:1-29,50-67
Session 2	Staying Disciplined	Samson loses control	Judges 14:1-20
Session 3	Finding the Right Fit	Priscilla and Aquila	Acts 18:1-4,18-28
Session 4	Making Myself "Right"	Solomon desires God's best	I Kings 3:1-28
Session 5	What About My Fears?	Gideon overcomes his fears	Judges 6:1-40
Session 6	When God Says "Wait"	Jacob and Rachel wait	Genesis 29:1-30

## Sexuality

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Are My Desires Normal?	David is tempted	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Session 2	What Are God's Standards?	Nathan rebukes David	2 Samuel 12:1-14
Session 3	Isn't Sex an Act of Love?	"Love" takes over Samson	Judges 16:1-22
Session 4	How Long Can I Wait?	Jacob puts in his time	Genesis 29:1-30
Session 5	What If I've Made Mistakes?	Jesus forgives a prostitute	Luke 7:36-50
Session 6	Dealing With My Frustrations	A greater power for Elisha	2 Kings 6:8-23

## Issues Singles Face

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Whom to Pick for Friends	David's friendship of character	I Samuel 20:1-42
Session 2	When to Risk With Others	Seventy-seven times	Matthew 18:21-35
Session 3	Where to Live	Israel's cloud of guidance	Numbers 9:15-10:36
Session 4	How to Spend My Life	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
Session 5	Where to Use My Talents	David in Saul's service	I Samuel 16:14-23
Session 6	What About the Future?	Noah waits on God	Genesis 8:1-22

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## **Sex** **What does God think about sex?**

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Session 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-7
Session 2	Proverbs 5:15-23
Session 3	1 Corinthians 7:1-7

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# Topical Study: Marriage

### Getting Along at Home

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	In Good Times and Bad	Isaac and Rebekah; 1st love	Genesis 24:1-29,50-67
Session 2	Love, Honor and Cherish	Ruth and Boaz; mutual respect	Ruth 2:1-23
Session 3	'Til Death Do Us Part	Jacob and Rachel; worth the wait	Genesis 29:1-30
Session 4	Serving One Another	Footwashing; whose job is it?	John 13:1-17
Session 5	Friends	Adam and Eve; one flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
Session 6	And Lovers	Celebrate difference!	Song of Songs 6:13-8:4

### Balancing Work and Home

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Teammates	Adam and Eve; one flesh	Genesis 2:4-25
Session 2	Roommates	Martha in the kitchen	Luke 10:38-42
Session 3	Work and Stress	Workers in the vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Session 4	Stress management	Jesus deals with demands	Mark 1:29-39
Session 5	Serving Each Other	Footwashing	John 13:1-17
Session 6	Faithful and Fulfilled	Priscilla and Aquila work together	Acts 18:1-4,18-28

### Communication Conflict

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Power of Commitment	Joseph marries Mary	Matthew 1:18-25
Session 2	Power of Words	David and Michal: cutting words	2 Samuel 6:1-23
Session 3	Acting on Impulse	Abram, Sarai and Hagar	Genesis 16:1-16
Session 4	Dealing with Conflict	Abraham and Sarah disagree	Genesis 21:1-21
Session 5	Pulling Apart	Adam and Eve blame each other	Genesis 3:1-24
Session 6	Pulling Together	Mutual respect	Ephesians 5:22-6:9

### Intimacy

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	God's Gift	Delighting in love	Song of Songs 1:1-14
Session 2	Sharing Yourself	Wooing words	Song of Songs 1:15-2:15
Session 3	The Rhythm of Romance	Absence grows love	Song of Songs 2:16-3:11
Session 4	Only You	Can't keep my eyes off you	Song of Songs 5:9-6:9
Session 5	Sensitive Sex	Celebrate difference!	Song of Songs 6:13-8:4
Session 6	Committed Love	The power of love	Song of Songs 8:5-14

## Spiritually Single

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Don't Give Up	A household conversion	Acts 16:16-40
Session 2	God's Love and Ours	Abraham pleads for Sodom	Genesis 18:16-33
Session 3	Putting Things in God's Hands	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
Session 4	Who's Number 1?	Take a warning from Solomon	I Kings 10:23-11:13
Session 5	God Is at Work	Praying for Peter in prison	Acts 12:1-19
Session 6	Your Spiritual Family	Mary and John at the cross	John 19:16-27

## Miscarriage

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	When Life Falls Apart	Job's life collapses	Job 1:1-22
Session 2	Shattered Dreams	Elisha and a grieving woman	2 Kings 4:8-37
Session 3	Marital Stress	Jacob and Rachel under stress	Genesis 29:31-30:24
Session 4	Releasing the Pain	Hannah pours out her soul	I Samuel 1:1-28
Session 5	God Cares	Jesus weeps over death	John 11:1-44
Session 6	Life Goes On	David pleads, then accepts	2 Samuel 12:15-25

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## Marriage

### What does God teach us about marriage?

Meeting	Scripture
Session 1	Ephesians 5:22-33
Session 2	1 Peter 3:1-7
Session 3	Philippians 2:1-7

## Bodies by Design Group

### How does God view our physical bodies?

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Session 1	Psalms 139:13-16
Session 2	I Corinthians 6:12-20
Session 3	I Corinthians 10:23-31
Session 4	Proverbs 3:1-8

## Sex

### What does God think about sex?

Meeting	Scripture
Session 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-7
Session 2	Proverbs 5:15-23
Session 3	1 Corinthians 7:1-7

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# Topical Study: Parenting

## How It's Done

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Preparation	Mary and Joseph become parents	Luke 2:1-20
Session 2	Dedication	Jesus presented in the temple	Luke 2:21-40
Session 3	Expectations	A mother's high hopes	Matthew 20:20-28
Session 4	Confrontation	Eli's failure to restore his sons	I Samuel 3:1-21
Session 5	Consecration	Abraham's greatest test	Genesis 22:1-19
Session 6	Celebration	Homecoming party	Luke 15:11-32

## Family Time

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Proper Priorities	God commands a day off	Exodus 16:1-35
Session 2	Time Together	Supper time	John 13:1-17
Session 3	Family Traditions	Passover: a family ritual	Exodus 12:1-30
Session 4	Family Vacations	A "vacation" with 5000 surprises	Mark 6:30-44
Session 5	Worshiping Together	The fellowship of believers	Acts 2:42-47
Session 6	Lasting Values	Stones of memorial	Joshua 3:14-4:24

## Strong-willed Children

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Where Are My Instructions?	Jesus was a strong-willed child	Luke 2:41-52
Session 2	Born to Be Wild	The devil made me do it	Genesis 3:1-24
Session 3	Necessary Discipline	Eli: a parent who failed	I Samuel 3:1-21
Session 4	Dealing with Anger	Moses faces his critics	Numbers 11:4-34
Session 5	Driving You Crazy	Little Jacob grabs for power	Genesis 25:19-34
Session 6	Happy Endings	Jacob's strength comes through	Genesis 32:22-32

## Adolescents

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Stressful Times	Trouble in the family	Luke 15:11-32
Session 2	Confusing Times	When Jesus didn't come home	Luke 2:41-52
Session 3	Angry Times	The golden calf	Exodus 32:1-35
Session 4	Decisions, Decisions!	Samson's dating dilemma	Judges 14:1-20
Session 5	A Parent's Responsibility	Eli's failure to restrain his sons	I Samuel 3:1-21
Session 6	Getting Along	Joseph: a kid with an 'attitude'	Genesis 37:1-11

## Challenging Issues and Special Needs

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Adopted Children	Moses: an adopted child	Exodus 1:22-2:25
Session 2	Children of Divorce	Ishmael: Rejected and dejected	Genesis 21:1-21
Session 3	Single-Parent Children	Double blessing for a single parent	1 Kings 17:1-24
Session 4	Children With Disabilities	Why was he born blind?	John 9:1-34
Session 5	Gifted Children	Jesus perplexes his parents	Luke 2:41-52
Session 6	Substitute Parents	Esther: raised by a relative	Esther 2:1-18

## Parents in Pain

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Sharing Your Story	Prodigal: a parable of pain	Luke 15:11-32
Session 2	Coping With Grief	Eli and his wayward sons	1 Samuel 2:12-26
Session 3	Dealing With Disappointment	Chaos in David's family	2 Samuel 13:23-39
Session 4	Knowing How to Relate	David longs for Absalom	2 Samuel 14:1-33
Session 5	Feeling Their Pain	Peter disowns Jesus	Luke 22:54-62
Session 6	Believing in Miracles	Jesus forgives Peter	John 21:1-25

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## Parenting What does God tell us about parenting?

Meeting	Scripture
Session 1	Ephesians 6:1-4
Session 2	Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Session 3	Proverbs 22:6,15

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# Topical Study: Youth

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### Discovering My Real Identity

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Being Real	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
Session 2	My Uniqueness	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
Session 3	My Personality	Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42
Session 4	My Abilities	Using your 'talents'	Matthew 25:14-30
Session 5	Strengths and Weaknesses	Gideon's fears	Judges 6:1-40
Session 6	God's Call	Following Jesus	Luke 5:1-11

### Finding Friends and Fitting In

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Acceptance	Paul's struggle for acceptance	Acts 9:20-31
Session 2	Fitting In	The Lord looks at the heart	I Samuel 16:1-13
Session 3	Being Myself	David can't use Saul's armor	I Samuel 17:12-50
Session 4	Feeling Secure	David and Jonathan – Part 1	I Samuel 18:1-30
Session 5	Getting Close	David and Jonathan – Part 2	I Samuel 20:1-42
Session 6	True Friends	Four friends who cared	Mark 2:1-12

### What Do I Believe?

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	God the Father Almighty	Maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1-2:3
Session 2	Jesus Christ	An angel visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38
Session 3	Holy Spirit	The Spirit shakes things up	Acts 4:1-31
Session 4	Christian Church	The cost in "being there"	Acts 4:32-37
Session 5	Forgiveness of Sins	Jesus: my substitute	Mark 15:1-15
Session 6	Resurrection and Life	A new day dawns	Matthew 28:1-20

### Surviving Day to Day

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Stressed Out	Facing storms	Mark 4:35-41
Session 2	Daily Grind	Slaving away in Egypt	Exodus 5:1-21
Session 3	Making the Grade	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
Session 4	Feeling Alone	Jesus in Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-42
Session 5	Dealing with Disappointment	Jesus is betrayed and arrested	Matthew 26:47-56
Session 6	Facing Failure	Peter disowns Jesus	Luke 22:54-62

## Getting Along with Parents

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Parental Requests	Jesus and his mom at a wedding	John 2:1-11
Session 2	Parental Expectations	A mother's dream	Matthew 20:20-28
Session 3	Family Tension	When Jesus didn't come home	Luke 2:41-52
Session 4	Dealing with Frustrations	Jesus and his family	Mark 3:20-35
Session 5	Arguing Over Relationships	Samson and his women	Judges 14:1-20
Session 6	Making Things Right	A son returns home	Luke 15:11-32

## Hot Issues for Youth

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Life in the Jungle	Jesus is tempted	Matthew 3:13-4:11
Session 2	Loose Morals	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11:1-27
Session 3	Hidden Secrets	David – you are the man!	2 Samuel 12:1-14
Session 4	Don't Get Used	Dirty Dancing	Mark 6:14-29
Session 5	Just Say No	Daniel stays 'clean'	Daniel 1:1-21
Session 6	Take a Stand	Daniel in the lion's den	Daniel 6:1-24

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## **Bodies by Design Group** **How does God view our physical bodies?**

Meeting	Scripture
Session 1	Psalms 139:13-16
Session 2	I Corinthians 6:12-20
Session 3	I Corinthians 10:23-31
Session 4	Proverbs 3:1-8

## **Sex** **What does God think about sex?**

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Session 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-7
Session 2	Proverbs 5:15-23
Session 3	1 Corinthians 7:1-7

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# Topical Study: Marketplace

### Relationships at Work

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Life with My Co-workers	Who is greatest?	Mark 10:35-45
Session 2	Life with My Boss	David spares Saul	I Samuel 24:1-22
Session 3	Life as a Supervisor	Boaz lets Ruth glean	Ruth 2:1-23
Session 4	Life with my Competitors	Elisha deals in strength & grace	2 Kings 6:8-23
Session 5	Letting God Be The Boss	Gideon takes orders from God	Judges 7:1-25
Session 6	Letting the Spirit Guide Me	Paul follows the Lord's lead	Acts 18:5-17

### Too Much Stress

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Stress From My Work	Calm for the storm	Mark 4:35-41
Session 2	Stress on the Job	Sexual harassment	Genesis 39:1-23
Session 3	Stress in a Secular World	Abraham pleads for Sodom	Genesis 18:16-33
Session 4	Stress From a Changing World	Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9
Session 5	Balancing Work and Rest	Jesus feeds 5000	Mark 6:30-44
Session 6	Keeping Stress Under Control	Moses gets a grip	Exodus 17:1-16

### Business Ethics

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Life of Integrity	Job loses it all	Job 1:1-22
Session 2	Lack of Integrity	Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
Session 3	Values of Integrity	Rich fool faces regret	Luke 12:13-21
Session 4	Integrity and Conscience	Parable of the shrewd manager	Luke 16:1-15
Session 5	Integrity and Authority	Paying taxes to Ceasar	Mark 12:13-17
Session 6	Rewards of Integrity	Job receives just reward	Job 42:7-17

### Finding the Right Job

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Overqualified	Jesus takes a job beneath him	John 13:1-17
Session 2	Over My Head	Moses asked to do too much	Exodus 18:1-27
Session 3	Laid Off	Joseph loses his job	Genesis 37:12-36
Session 4	Unemployed	Moses called in the desert	Exodus 3:1-22
Session 5	Unfulfilled	Bored as a brickmaker	Exodus 5:1-21
Session 6	Finding My Passion	Paul's passion revealed	Acts 16:1-32

## **Bored and Burnt Out**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Why Work?	A bedridden paralytic	John 5:1-15
Session 2	Why Am I Here?	Philip does productive networking	Acts 8:26-40
Session 3	Where Am I Heading?	Abram's call to move out	Genesis 11:27-12:9
Session 4	How Can God Use Me?	Peter's windfall	Luke 5:1-11
Session 5	How's My Attitude	Trouble on the horizon	Jonah 1:1-17
Session 6	To Stay or to Go?	Gideon seeks God's guidance	Judges 6:1-40

## **Entrepreneurs**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Following My Dream	Jacob leaves Laban	Genesis 31:1-21
Session 2	Risking My Reputation	Laban pursues Jacob	Genesis 31:22-55
Session 3	Paying the Price	Jacob's financial & emotional toll	Genesis 32:1-21
Session 4	Forfeiting My Stability	Jacob wrestles with God	Genesis 32:22-32
Session 5	Putting in My Time	Jacob's slow going	Genesis 33:1-20
Session 6	Measuring My Success	Jacob returns to Bethel	Genesis 35:1-15

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## Discovery Bible Study

# Topical Study: Special Needs

### Self-Esteem

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	By Design	Created in his image	Genesis 1:1-2:3
Session 2	Accepted by God	Jesus and Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
Session 3	Chosen by God	David chosen for his 'heart'	I Samuel 16:1-13
Session 4	Healthy Humility	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
Session 5	Gifted and Endowed	God empowers Moses	Exodus 4:1-17
Session 6	Making a Contribution	The widow's offering	Mark 12:41-44

### Financial Stress

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Hard Times	Hitting bottom	Luke 15:11-32
Session 2	Facing the Stress	Jesus faces pressure	Luke 4:14-30
Session 3	Taking Responsibility	Parable of the talents	Matthew 25:14-30
Session 4	Tough Decisions	Parable of the shrewd manager	Luke 16:1-15
Session 5	Mutual Aid	Believers share their possessions	Acts 4:32-37
Session 6	In God We Trust	The widow's oil	2 Kings 4:1-7

### Living with Pain

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Where is God When I Hurt?	The pool paralytic	John 5:1-15
Session 2	Pain and Blame	Why was he born blind?	John 9:1-34
Session 3	Pain and Shame	Jesus heals an 'unclean' woman	Mark 5:24-34
Session 4	Pain and Comfort	Four friends who cared	Mark 2:1-12
Session 5	Pain and Perspective	The suffering of Job	Job 2:1-10
Session 6	Pain and Persistence	Parable of the persistent widow	Luke 18:1-8

### Caregivers

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Taking a Break	Manna and the Sabbath	Exodus 16:1-35
Session 2	Dealing with Demands	Moses gets weary	Exodus 17:1-16
Session 3	Sharing the Load	Moses decides to delegate	Exodus 18:1-27
Session 4	Setting Limits	Mary chooses what's better	Luke 10:38-42
Session 5	Surviving the Stress	Jesus withdraws to pray	Mark 1:29-39
Session 6	Heeding the Call	The sheep and the goats	Matthew 25:31-46

## Empty-Nesters

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Tough Times	Naomi: a bitter empty nester	Ruth 1:1-22
Session 2	New Perspective	Naomi gets a grandson	Ruth 4:1-22
Session 3	Looking Ahead	Parable of the rich fool	Luke 12:13-21
Session 4	Hearing God	The call of Abram	Genesis 11:27-12:9
Session 5	Investing Yourself	Moses and the burning bush	Exodus 3:1-22
Session 6	Taking Risks	Peter steps out of the boat	Matthew 14:22-33

## Growing Older

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Faith Journey	The call of Abram	Genesis 11:27-12:9
Session 2	Never Too Old	Noah builds a boat	Genesis 6:5-7:12
Session 3	The Power of Blessing	Simeon and Anna bless Jesus	Luke 2:21-40
Session 4	Leaving a Legacy	Moses commissions Joshua	Numbers 27:12-23
Session 5	Looking Back	Remembering God's faithfulness	Joshua 23:1-16
Session 6	Looking Ahead	Jesus raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44

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## Discovery Bible Study

# Topical Study: Recovery

### Healthy Habits

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Frustrations	The disciples in Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-42
Session 2	Healthy Habits	Daniel's discipline	Daniel 1:1-21
Session 3	Living in Balance	Enough manna for each day	Exodus 16:1-35
Session 4	A Matter of Control	Israelites crave other food	Numbers 11:4-34
Session 5	Don't Give Up	Children of Israel turn back	Numbers 13:26-14:45
Session 6	Consistent and Persistent	The walls of Jericho	Joshua 5:13-6:21

### Healing Broken Relationships

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	I Have a Dream	Parable of the Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
Session 2	Heart's Desire	Longing for reconciliation	2 Samuel 14:1-33
Session 3	Called to Reconcile	The unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
Session 4	Taking the Initiative	Joseph reaches out	Genesis 45:1-28
Session 5	Anxious Anticipation	Jacob prepares to meet Esau	Genesis 32:1-21
Session 6	Homecoming	Jacob and Esau reunited	Genesis 33:1-20

### Picking up After Divorce

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	The Death of a Dream	Naomi: empty and bitter	Ruth 1:1-22
Session 2	Dealing with Anger	Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-26
Session 3	Taking the High Road	The unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
Session 4	Lost Identity	Jesus heals an 'unclean' woman	Mark 5:24-34
Session 5	God Cares	Elijah and a single mother	1 Kings 17:1-24
Session 6	Hope for Healing	On the road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35

### Grief and Loss

Meeting	Topic	Passage	Scripture
Session 1	Denial	Elisha and a woman in denial	2 Kings 4:8-37
Session 2	Anger	Naomi: empty and bitter	Ruth 1:1-22
Session 3	Bargaining	David "bargains" with God	2 Samuel 12:15-25
Session 4	Depression	Jacob mourns for Joseph	Genesis 37:12-36
Session 5	Acceptance	The suffering of Job	Job 2:1-10
Session 6	Hope	Jesus raise Lazarus	John 11:1-44

## **Abuse**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Expressing Emotion	Tamar raped by her half brother	2 Samuel 13:1-22
Session 2	No More Shame	Jesus heals an 'unclean' woman	Mark 5:24-34
Session 3	Matters of the Heart	The unmerciful servant	Matthew 18:21-35
Session 4	You're Not Alone	God speaks to Elijah	1 Kings 19:1-18
Session 5	Walking in Love	David spares Saul	1 Samuel 24:1-22
Session 6	Hope for Healing	On the road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35

## **12 Steps**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Passage</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	Going Beyond Denial	A Pharisee and a tax collector	Luke 18:9-14
Session 2	Naming the Higher Power	Elijah and the prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:16-40
Session 3	Coming to God	A possessed man set free	Luke 8:26-39
Session 4	Confession	Josiah's reform	2 Kings 23:1-25
Session 5	Making Amends	Zacchaeus makes things right	Luke 19:1-10
Session 6	An Addiction-Free Lifestyle	Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14:5-31

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## **Pornography** **Does God have an opinion about pornography?**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Scripture</b>
Session 1	James 1:13-18
Session 2	II Samuel 11:1-17
Session 3	Psalms 51:1-17

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