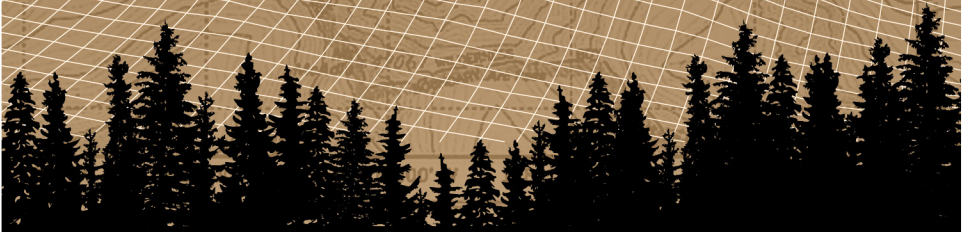




The Epic Adventure: *The Story of God's People, Places & Promises*

A study of the whole Bible for the novice to the expert.





TIPS FOR LEADERS

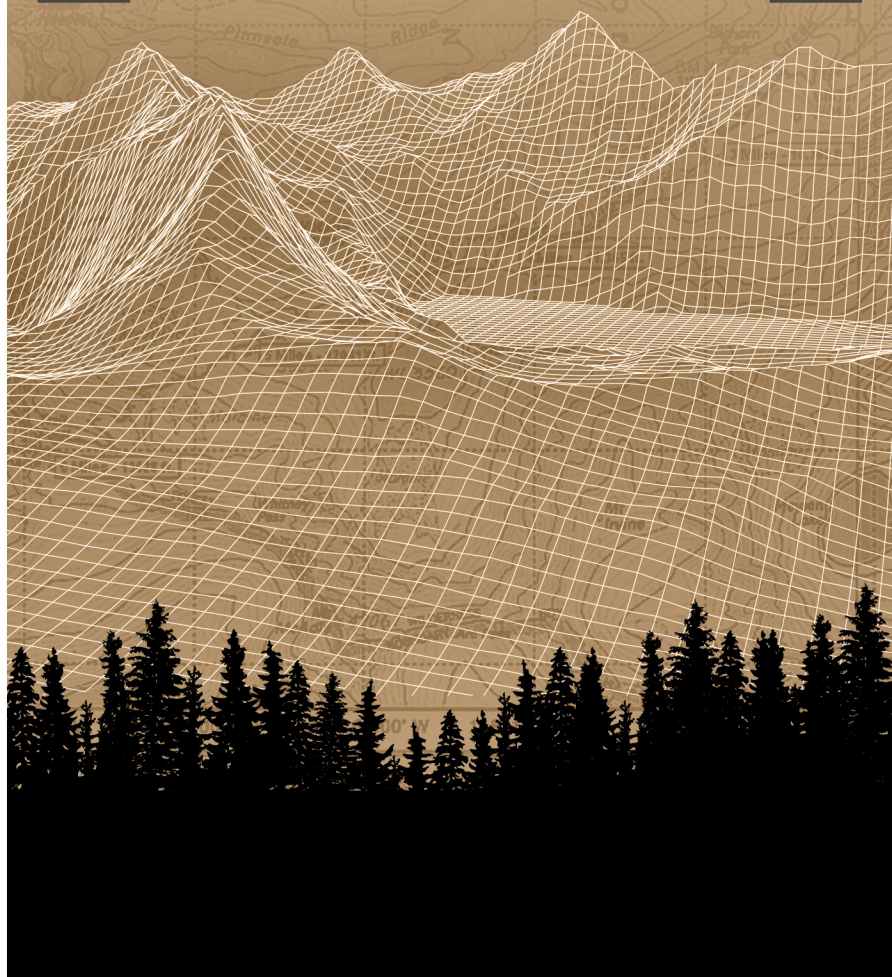
The Epic Adventure is a journey through the Bible broken up into 8 segments, like the segments of a trail in a backpack trip. You will find a “map” in the first segment to guide you along your journey through the Bible.

There are 8 videos that walk you through the study and follow a group of hikers on a journey to summit Mt Whitney. You will get glimpses of their journey in the videos that relate to the theme of each segment of the study. Some segments have many questions, and you may want to consider taking two weeks on some segments. There is no time limit to this study!

At the end of each segment there is a SOAP Journal Exercise. This is designed to be taken home as homework each week. It contains a scripture passage that will be used in the following week’s study. Your group members should read the passage on their own, choose one verse from the passage, and then write it out. They should then write an observation and applicaiton based on that verse as described on the sheet. It is a great practice to learn to write out a prayer after they have completed this exercise. You can start your next meeting by having some of the group share what they wrote.

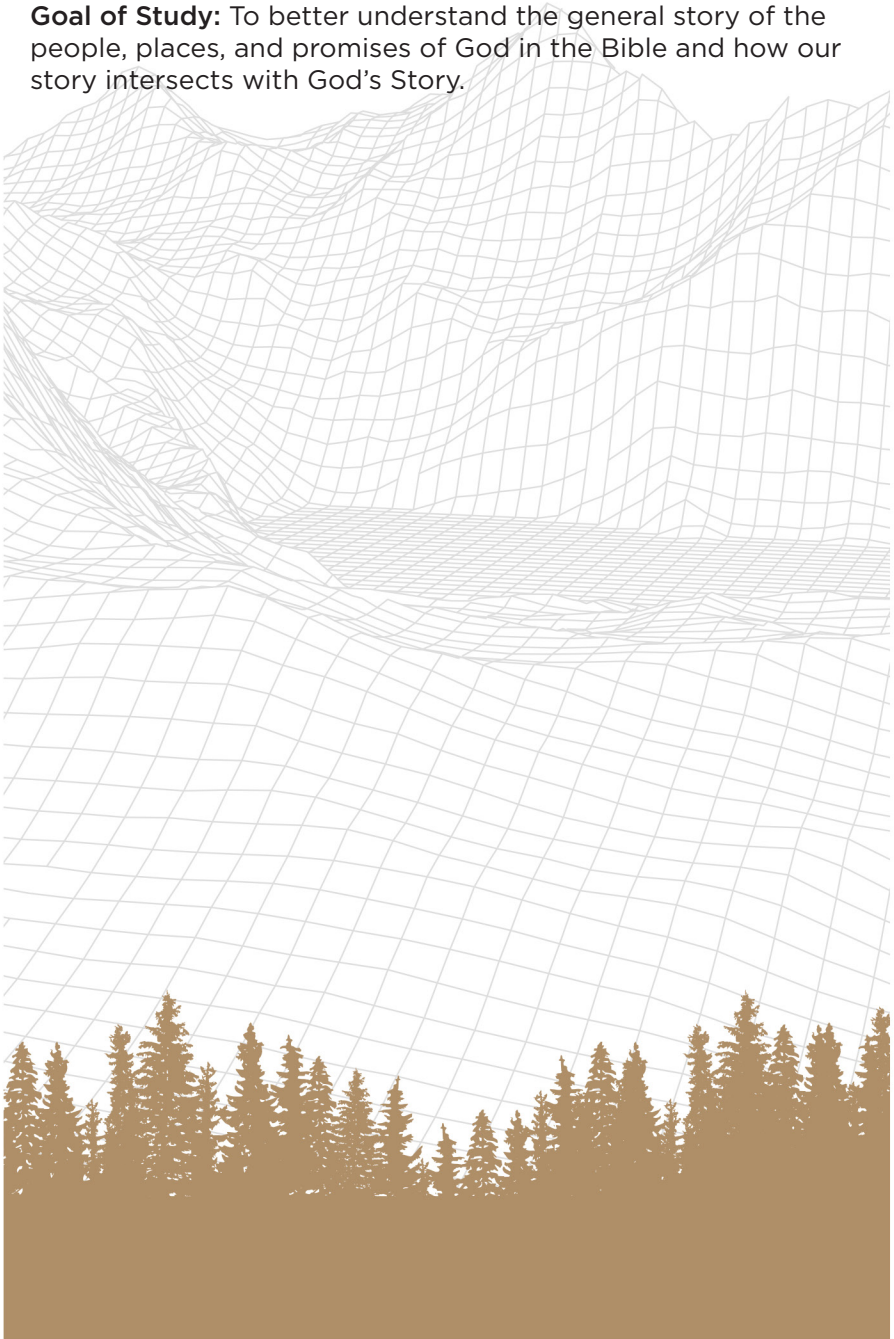
Welcome to the Epic Adventure!

SEGMENT 1



INTRODUCTION

Goal of Study: To better understand the general story of the people, places, and promises of God in the Bible and how our story intersects with God's Story.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you had to pretend that you knew what was really happening, when you did not have a clue.
2. What are some of the obstacles you have found to studying the Bible?
3. How would you rate yourself on your general understanding of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation on a scale of 1-10?
4. What is your next step to better understanding the Bible?
5. What would you like to gain from this study?

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Genesis 6, 7:17-24, Luke 3:21-22

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.



