Study Guide and Discussion

September 7: Genesis 1-4 • How do we know if we're giving God our "best"?

- Are we our "brother's keeper?" If so, what does it look like?
- Why at the end of this tragic story do men begin calling on the name of the LORD? (V. 25) Were they not calling on Him before?

- September 14: Genesis 6-9
 Why do you think God decided to send the flood? What does this tell us about how seriously God takes sin and violence?
- How do you think Noah felt when God told him to build a huge boat? Would it have been hard to trust and obey? Why or why not?
- What lessons can we learn from Noah's obedience and trust in God? What does it look like to trust God today, even when it's hard?

- September 21: Genesis 11

 What was the real motive for building a tower that reached the heavens?
- Was God saying that this goal was possible? (Vs. 6)
- What would the Babel story look like in reverse?

- September 28: Genesis 11-13

 Would it be easy or hard to leave everything and go somewhere unknown? Why?
- Why do you think Abraham obeyed God even when he didn't know where he was going? What does this tell us about faith?
- God told Abraham that he would be a blessing to others. What are some ways we can be a blessing to other people today?

October 5: Genesis 12, 15, 17 • Why does God choose to communicate through promises?

- What does that say about His expectations for communication?
- Which promise(s) of God is most meaningful to you?

- October 12: Genesis 22
 How do you think Abraham felt about this command from God? Why do you think this was such a hard test?
- What do you think Isaac was thinking as he and his dad walked up the mountain? How would you have felt in that situation?
- What does God's provision tell us about His character?

October 19: No 6pm Worship at Prestoncrest • All are invited to the 5pm M.A.R.C.H Area Wide Worship at Preston Road Church of Christ

October 26: Genesis 25 \$ 27

- Why do you think there was tension between Jacob and Esau as they grew up? Have you ever had a disagreement with a sibling or friend?
- Why do you think Esau gave up his birthright for a bowl of stew? Have you ever made a decision that you later regretted?
- How can we learn to think before acting?

November 2:Genesis 28 \$ 32

- What connections can you make from Jacob's dream to our reality?
- How do we make sure that we don't miss the Lord's presence?
- After his dream, Jacob built an altar and made some promises to God. How would you have responded?

November 9: Genesis 37-50 ~ The Life of Joseph • How do others try to harm us?

- How have you seen God turn bad intentions into good results?
- What is most difficult for you about forgiveness?

November 16: The Suffering of Job • What kinds of hardships did Job face, and how did he respond at first?

- Why do you think bad things sometimes happen to good people?
- Even though Job lost almost everything, he didn't stop believing in God. What helps us keep believing when life is difficult?

November 23: Exodus 1-4

- Why does God tell Moses, "I am the God of your father(s)..."? (Exodus 3: 6)
- What does verse 7 say about God's awareness of our troubles?
- Moses had many explanations for why he wasn't right for the job. What do God's answers tell us about man's excuses?

November 30: Exodus 5-12

- Which plague would you have found to be the most inconvenient? Frightening?
- What significant spiritual implications do we find in the plague of the firstborn?
- Why were the instructions of Passover to be obeyed for generations to come?

December 7: Exodus 13-15

- What is the significance of the pillar of the cloud by day and fire by night? How do we experience God's presence and guidance today?
- Moses told the people, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (14:14). What does that kind of trust look like in the face of overwhelming problems?
- Why do you think God told Moses to "move on" even before parting the sea (14:15)? What does this teach us about obedience and faith?

December 14: Exodus 15-17

- What do you find most interesting about the battle between Israel and the Amalekites?
- When/how have others helped to help hold up your arms?
- When/how have you helped others hold up theirs? Did they ask for your help or did you take the initiative?

December 21: Candlelight Service at Prestoncrest

December 28: No 6pm Evening Service