

## DRAFT VERSION – BUSY TRANSLATING...

### Chapter 01, Aleph: The beginning (Gen 1-50)

*6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.**" (Is 43:6-7)*

*6ndichati kurutivi rwokumusoro, varege; nokurutivi rwezasi, usavadzivisa; uyai navanakomana vangu vari kure, navakunda vangu vari kumigumo yenyika; 7mumwe nomumwe anodanwa nezita rangu, wandakasika kuti ndikudzwe, wandakaumba, zvirokwazvo, wandakaita." (Isaya 43:6-7)*

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## TOPIC 01: CREATION AND FALL (Gen 1-3).

### Group discovery Bible study 01: Creation and fall (Gen 1-3).

#### 1. Share

- What are you thankful for this week? Chii chaunotenda mwari nacho vhiki rino?
- What has stressed you out this week? Chii chakakunetsa vhiki rino?
- What are the needs of the people in your community? Chii chinodiwa nevagari venharaunda yaunogara?
- How can we help each other with the needs we expressed? Chii chamungaita kupedza matambudziko ari munharaunda yaunogara?
- Share these things with God in prayer. Namata Kuna mwari pamusoro pematambudziko acho?

#### 2. Prayer and intercession *kunamatira zvakasiyana siyana*

Let us pray to God for what we just shared.

If you need guidelines you can use the following:

- Glorify God for who He is.
- Confess your weaknesses.
- Thank God for what He did for you and people you prayed for.
- Intercede for you and the people around you.

#### 3. Discovery Bible study

##### Prayer

Ask God, during the reading of the scripture, to

- *Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain. (Ps. 119:36).*
- *36Kweverai mwoyo wangu kuzvipupuriro zvenyu, Urege kukweverwa mukuchiva.(Mapisarema 119:36)*
- *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law (Ps. 119: 18).*
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##### Reading from Scripture

Let us read Genesis 1.

Genesis two is a second creation story. We only read verses 1-3 and 15-17.

Let us also read Genesis 3.

### Sharing and group correction

During the discussion of the passages, the following must take place:

- Someone must start to share (tell in their own words) how they understood the passage.
- The rest must then add where they can see content were omitted and confirm if they agree with what was said so far.
- If someone does not agree, it must be questioned (in love). We cannot read something into the text that is not there. The group must learn self correction by asking: "Where did you find that in the passage?"
- Re-read and discuss the passage until it is well understood.

The following overarching questions must be used to guide the discussion.

#### **1. How does these passages highlight the all-satisfying glory of God?**

If the group could did not discover it by themselves, read Psalm 19:1-3, Col 1:16 (with the focus on the last part) and Is 43:6-7. Discuss why God created everything.

#### **2. Was there any link to Christ crucified and his saving work?**

If the group could did not discover it by themselves,

- Read John 1:1-3, Col 1:15-17 and Heb 1:1-2 and discuss who created everything.
- Read Gen 3:15, I Cor 15:20-22, Rom 5:15-19 and discuss who is the second Adam that enabled justification.

#### **3. What inspiration did you see in this text that would lead to Spirit controlled obedience of faith and a life of love and holiness, rooted in the cross of Christ, and lived for the glory of God?**

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- Read Gen 3:4-5, Rom 1:21-23, Rom 3:23 and dicuss what sin is.
- Lees Rom 5:12; Ps 51:7 and discuss: How is the sin of Adam applicable to you?
- Lees II Cor 3:18 en 4:6 and discuss how God is busy changing you.

### ***4. Intentions and commitments for the week***

#### Ministry

- What are the needs of the people in your community? Chii chinodiwa nevagari venharaunda yaunogara?
- How can we help each other with the needs we expressed? Chii chamungaita kupedza matambudziko ari munharaunda yaunogara?

#### Evangelism/replication

- Who else can we share this message with this week?
- Is there anyone in this group that are willing to start a new group?

#### Obedience

Let us give each other a few minutes to be quiet to write down your own intentions from ehat you xperienced in this session. For example:

- With what I saw in Scripture today, what do I want to change in my life?

- I want to give priority to my personal quiet time (Word and prayer) every day. I plan to use the daily Bible studies to guide me in it.

### **5. Praise**

Worship God either in words or reading a psalm or by singing a song.

### **6. Worship**

Worship God in prayer based on what we experienced in the session.

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## **Session 1: God created for His glory (Gen 1:1-25).**

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### **2. Bible study *Nguva yokudzidza bhaibheri***

Before you read the passages, remember to focus your reading to answer these overarching questions:

1. How does these passages highlight the all-satisfying glory of God? Mavhesi aya anoratidza kubwinya kwaMwari here?
2. As you read these passages, were there any link to Christ crucified and his saving work? Mukuverenga kwawaita munoratidza zvakadini kuroverwa kwajeso nokuregerera matadzo edu
3. What inspiration did you see in this text that would lead to Spirit controlled obedience of faith and a life of love and holiness, rooted in the cross of Christ, and lived for the glory of God? Wadzidzei zvingakupa kuteerera kumweyamutsvene nokutenda, Rudo noutsvene zvinobva mukuroverwa kwajeso pamuchnjikwa mukutaridza kubwinya kwaMwari

Now read Genesis 1:1-25. Let the cross reference passages at each question guide you in your meditation of this passage.

1. Who created everything (John 1:1-3, Col 1:15-17 en Heb 1:1-2)?
2. How did God create (Gen 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26)?
3. Why did He create (Col 1:16, Is 43:6-7)?
4. What does the creation declare (Ps 19:1)?
5. What did God do with the same power he created with (II Cor 4:6)?

### **3. Praise**

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#### ***4. Worship***

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## **Session 2: The image of God (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18-25).**

### **1. Prayer *munamoto***

Ask God in this morning devotion to:

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Now read Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:18-25. Let the cross reference passages at each question guide you in your meditation of this passage.

1. What does it mean that man has been created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27, Is 43:6-7)?
2. What task did God give to the animals (Gen 1:22) that He also gave to the people (Gen 1:28)?
3. How does God's task to humans differ from the animals (Ps 8:3-8)? To what does it lead when man displays the image of God (Ps 8:9)?
4. Did man succeed in this purpose to honor God (Gen 3:4-5, Rom 3:23, II Cor 4:4)?
5. Was there ever in history someone that could truly display the image of God (Phil 2:6, Col 1:15)?

6. What does sanctification (changing more and more to be like Jesus) mean in terms of you reflecting the image of God (Rom 8: 28-30, II Cor 4:6)?
7. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the change (II Cor 3: 15-18)?

### **3. Praise**

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### **4. Worship**

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Intercede for you and the people around you.

## **Session 3: The providence of God (Gen 1:28-31-2:14).**

### **1. Prayer *munamoto***

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Now read Genesis Gen 1:28-31-2:14. Let the cross reference passages at each question guide you in your meditation of this passage.

1. Who upholds and maintains all things (Heb 1:3-4)?
2. Is the responsibility of man lifted by the providence of God (Gen 1:28, Isa 10:15, Prov 12:11, James 2:14)?
3. Where to is God's providence guiding the world (Gen 50:20, Eph 1:3-6)?
4. If God is in control of everything, can you blame Him for your sin (Matthew 26:24)?
5. What comfort do you get from God's providence (Deut 32:10; Ps 116:12-13; Rom 8:28)?

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## **Session 4: The fall (Gen 3:1-15).**

### **1. Prayer *munamoto***

Ask God in this morning devotion to:

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Now read Genesis 3:1-15. Let the cross reference passages at each question guide you in your meditation of this passage.

1. What was the test command that God entered into with man in the garden of Eden (Gen 2:16-17)?
2. What is the core of sin (Gen 3:4-5, Rom 1:21-23, Rom 3:23)?
3. Do you share in Adam's sin (Rom 5:12; Ps 51:5)?
4. What has also been determined before your death (Rom 3:23-26, Rom 8:29)?
5. Who is the second Adam who makes my salvation possible (Gen 3:15, I Corinthians 15: 20-22, Rom 5:15-19)?

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## **Session 5: The covenant of works (Gen 2:16-17, 3:1-19).**

### **1. Prayer *munamoto***

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Now read Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-19. Let the cross reference passages at each question guide you in your meditation of this passage.

1. How does God describe his own work (Gen 1:1b, 1:17b, 1:21b, 1:25b)?
2. What does God require of Adam and what promise came with it? (Gen 2:16-17)?
3. Did Adam comply with the requirements of the covenant of works (Hos 6:7)? Are you (Rom 3:20)?
4. If we can not earn eternal life with good works, how do we obtain it then (Rom 3:22-26, Gal 2:16, Heb 9:15; 10:16-20)?
5. Why then do we still try to do some good works (Heb 10: 21-25, Col 3:16, Phil 1:9-11, I Cor 10:31)?
6. How can we, as sinful people, live such a life of thankfulness (Rom 8:9-14)?

### **3. Praise**

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