

# BUILD V

## Great Passages of the Bible

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**BIBLICAL  
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER  
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DEVELOPMENT**

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

Colossians 2:6-7

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# INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the first question that came to your mind when you saw this study title was, "Aren't all passages of the Bible great?" Of course, they are. Since our church wholeheartedly believes that "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching ..." (2 Timothy 3:16), we believe that every passage from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 is of extraordinary value.

But we also understand that not all verses or passages give equal amounts of insight into God's nature, humanity's sin, or God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. Certain passages yield especially large amounts of insight into key biblical themes. Some of these passages will be our focus in this BUILD study. *Great Passages of the Bible* just seemed to sound better than *Texts that Yield Particular Insight into Key Biblical Themes!*

The passages in this study will give us a broad overview of God's great works. We will touch on the themes of creation, law, God's Word, Jesus' teachings, and Paul's epistles on life as a Christian. Each unit will include a key verse or verses for you to memorize that week. Please, please do the memory work and review it in your BUILD group meetings! Your BUILD experience will be much richer if you do this.

In addition to regular prayer with and for your BUILD team members, please recruit one person outside of BUILD to pray regularly for your spiritual growth during this study. I recommend that person be your spouse if she is a Christian.

As you study and pray together and memorize God's Word, may the Holy Spirit help you have "strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:18-19).

In Christ,



David Beaty

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# MY COMMITMENT AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE BUILD MINISTRY

With God's help, I commit to:

- Meet weekly with my BUILD team.
- Read the Bible for a minimum of 10 minutes each day during BUILD. I will memorize the assigned verses and review them during the semester.
- Spend a minimum of 5 minutes each day in prayer during the BUILD semester. I agree to pray daily for the spiritual development of the other members of my BUILD team.
- Seek to live in such a way as to honor Jesus Christ and represent Him well before others.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# THE CREATION OF MAN AND WOMAN

## GENESIS CHAPTER 2

Read Genesis chapter 2 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Why would God rest on the seventh day, and why is this significant for us?
2. Why did God give mankind work to do?
3. What would happen if Adam broke the commandment given in verses 16-17, and what were the results of Adam's actions for the human race? (See also Romans 5:12-21.)
4. Why did God create Eve?

In light of verses 15-17, in what ways was Eve to help Adam?



# THE PASSOVER

## EXODUS CHAPTER 12

Read Exodus chapter 12 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Why were the Israelites commanded to place the blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lintel of their houses?

Why did the lamb have to be "without blemish"?

2. Why was this event to be remembered with an annual feast? (See verses 14-20.)

Why was it called "the Lord's Passover"?

3. What is the significance of unleavened bread?





# HOW GOD REVEALS HIMSELF

## PSALM 19

Read Psalm 19 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. How can every person everywhere in the world learn that God is our creator?

Are people responsible to God for this knowledge? (See Romans 1:18-23.)

2. What synonyms for God's Word are used in this psalm?

What effect does each of these produce?

3. Why do people need both God's revelation in creation and the specific revelation of His Word to grow spiritually?

4. Rewrite the prayer of verse 14 in your own words, placing emphasis on those areas where you most need God's help.

5. Memorize Psalm 19:14

# THE SUFFERING SERVANT

## ISAIAH CHAPTER 53

Read Isaiah chapter 53 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Scholars estimate that Isaiah prophesied between 700 and 740 BC. In light of that, what do you find most remarkable about this chapter?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Where in Isaiah 53 do you see an emphasis upon our sins?

Where do you see an emphasis on the suffering of Jesus?

Where do you see evidence that Jesus' suffering was endured in order to pay for our sins?

3. Read Matthew 27:32-61. Where do you see fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah 53?

4. The prophet Isaiah was often read in the Jewish synagogues of Jesus' day. Why do you think so few of the Jews recognized Jesus as the Messiah when He came?

5. Memorize Isaiah 53:6.

# THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## MATTHEW CHAPTER 6

Read Matthew chapter 6 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. What is the Lord concerned that we avoid in the practice of spiritual disciplines like giving, prayer, and fasting?
2. Share how you might use the model prayer in verses 9-13 to guide you in a daily time of prayer.
3. Why is Jesus so concerned with what we do with our wealth (treasure)?
4. Why is it impossible to serve both God and money?
5. Is anxiety about our needs an acceptable state of mind for followers of Jesus?

Why or why not?

6. Memorize the prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13.

# IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD

## JOHN CHAPTER 1

Read John chapter 1 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. What do verses 1-3 reveal about Jesus?
2. Why is Jesus called "the true light" (v. 9)?
3. Why did "the Word" become flesh?
4. Try to explain verse 18 in terms that a child could understand.
5. Why did John the Baptist call Jesus "the Lamb of God"?





# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

## ACTS CHAPTER 2

Read Acts chapter 2 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Read Luke 24:44-49 and Acts 1:8. How were these promises of Jesus fulfilled on the day of Pentecost?
2. Read John 18:25-27. What accounts for the remarkable boldness seen in Peter on the day of Pentecost?
3. How does Peter explain to the crowd what had happened to the Christians gathered in the upper room? (See Joel 2:28-32.)
4. What truths about Jesus does Peter emphasize in his sermon?
5. Is the power of the Holy Spirit available to followers of Jesus today?

Why or why not?

6. Memorize Acts 2:38.

# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

## ROMANS CHAPTER 8

Read Romans chapter 8 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. What truths "bookend" Romans 8; that is, what is emphasized in verses 1-2 and verses 38-39?
2. What has God done for believers that frees us from condemnation?
3. How are followers of Jesus called to live in light of what God has done?

How does the Holy Spirit help us to live that way?

4. How are believers called to regard suffering in this life?

5. What great goal is God at work to accomplish in the life of every follower of Jesus?

6. Memorize Romans 8:38-39.

# FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

## PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2

Read Philippians chapter 2 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. What is the apostle Paul calling Christians to do in verses 1-5?

2. Why is Jesus Christ the ultimate example of humility for us?

What are two ways Jesus showed remarkable humility?

3. Read verses 12-13. Who is responsible for our spiritual growth? ...God? ...us? ...or both?

Why?

4. How should we represent Christ by the way we live?

What should we do?

What should we avoid?

5. Memorize Philippians 2:3.

# THE TESTING OF OUR FAITH

## JAMES CHAPTER 1

Read James chapter 1 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Why can a follower of Jesus face trials with joy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does it mean to remain steadfast under trial?

What is the end result of such steadfastness?

3. What does it mean to ask in faith for wisdom from God?

Based on the context, what situations does James have in mind when he encourages prayer for wisdom?

4. How does James provide guidance in controlling our anger?

5. What does it mean to persevere as "a doer" of God's Word?

6. Memorize James 1:2-3.

During your final BUILD group meeting, review all memory work for the study.