



GENESIS TO JESUS



JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Participant Workbook





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Welcome to Journey Through Scripture

Journey Through Scripture is the St. Paul Center's dynamic Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of Scripture while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. Distinctively Catholic, Journey Through Scripture reads the Bible from the heart of the Church, considering both the Old and New Testaments and how they work together. It's grounded in history, yet it actively engages topics faced by today's Catholics. More than just an ordinary Bible study, it's biblical catechesis.

There are several Journey Through Scripture studies. This participant workbook is for the foundational study of the entire series, *Genesis to Jesus*, a twelve-part video series that surveys the principal covenants that God made with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. It also shows how each of these covenants points forward to—and is fulfilled by—Jesus Christ and his Church. In *Genesis to Jesus*, participants will see a panoramic vision of salvation history and our place in this story.

Study Components

Genesis to Jesus is designed for both group and individual study. It contains five possible components, all of which can be ordered at JourneyThroughScripture.com.

- ❖ This Participant Workbook
- ❖ *Genesis to Jesus* Participant Workbook
- ❖ *Genesis to Jesus* DVD set
- ❖ *A Father Who Keeps His Promises* by Dr. Scott Hahn





Lesson

1

READING SCRIPTURE WITH THE CHURCH

A Bible Study About the Bible

Understanding the Bible requires an understanding of its “plot.” And the Bible’s plot is the story of salvation history. It is the story of human salvation unfolding in history according to God’s plan. You and I need to read the Bible from the heart of the Church if we are to make sense of the Scriptures and apply them to our lives as Catholics. This includes an understanding of *why* we should read them and *how* we should read them.

In *Genesis to Jesus* we’ll study the divine covenants that God made with humanity in the course of salvation history. We’ll focus on his Old Testament covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, and then we’ll see how each is fulfilled in the New Testament covenant that God makes with the world through Jesus Christ.





LESSON 1

What We'll Cover in Lesson 1

Introduction

Matthew Leonard, host of the series

Themes covered

- ❖ *Why* and *how* should Catholics study the Bible?
- ❖ The Mass as the key to understanding Scripture
- ❖ Scripture as the inspired Word of God
- ❖ Salvation history as a two-part story

Scripture Verses Read in Lesson 1

- ❖ Luke 24:13–24
- ❖ Luke 24:31–35
- ❖ John 16:12–14
- ❖ 2 Timothy 3:16–17
- ❖ Galatians 4:4–5



Review Questions

1. The Last Supper account, the Emmaus road account, and the Catholic celebration of the Mass share several features in common. What are these common elements?

2. Explain the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures.

3. What does it mean to say that Christianity is “a religion of the Word”? And why is it inaccurate to say that Christianity is “a religion of the Book”?

4. Explain the difference between *secular* history and *salvation* history.



Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of anything in this lesson that you've never considered before, or even heard before? If so, how might this new information impact your relationship with God and others?

2. Can you think of time in your life when you experienced a "burning heart"? Have you ever encountered Jesus in a personal way, perhaps like the disciples traveling to Emmaus? Feel free to share your thoughts with the group.



This Lesson's Memory Verse

“And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?’”



LUKE 24:3–32

Preparation for the Next Lesson

- ❖ *A Father Who Keeps His Promises* by Dr. Scott Hahn, ch. 1
- ❖ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 112–114
- ❖ *Dei Verbum*, Vatican II Constitution on Divine Revelation
stpaulcenter.com/deiverbum

