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BTCP – the 10-course curriculum for training pastors

Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
1. Bible Study Methods/Interpret	40	6. Personal Spiritual Life	40
2. Old Testament Survey	60	7. Church Ministry/Admin.	40
3. New Testament Survey	60	8. Teaching Princp./Meth.	40
4. Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry	60	9. Church History	60
5. Bible Doctrine Survey	60	10. Missions/Evang./Discp.	60
		Total	520

BTCP – the eight-course curriculum used outside North America for training church leaders

BTCL General Curriculum

Courses	Hours
1. Bible Study Methods/Interpret.	40
2. Old Testament Survey	60
3. New Testament Survey	60
4. Commun. Biblical Messages	40

BTCL Electives

Courses	Hours
8. Teaching Princp./Meth.	40
9. Church History	60
Total	100

5. Bible Doctrine Survey	60
6. Personal Spiritual Life	40
7. Church Ministry/Admin.	40
10. Missions/Evang./Discp.	60
Total	400

Trend #1: God is bringing the world to America’s doorstep. Within the multitude of people groups coming to our country, there are scores of pastors and church leaders that lack adequate training for the work of ministry.

Trend #2: Our country is becoming a nation of biblically illiterate Christians. This group consists of those who may be new to the faith, and those who may have been Christians for many years but have not been adequately equipped with “the faith once for all delivered to the saints.”

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BTCL-USA – the five-course curriculum and electives for USA and Canada

BTCL-USA Curriculum		BTCL-USAElectives	
Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
1. Bible Study Methods/Interpert.	40	4. Commun. Biblical Mess.	40
2. Old Testament Survey	60	7. Church Ministry/Admin.	40
3. New Testament Survey	60	8. Teaching Princp./Meth.	40
5. Bible Doctrine Survey	60	9. Church History	60
6. Personal & Corp. Spiritual Life	55	10. Missions/Evang./Discp.	60
Total	275		

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May God be glorified as you study and live according to His Word.

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(9–Month study)

Lesson	Subject	Passage
Introduction		
1	Creation	1:1-25
2	Creation of Man	1:26 – 2:7
3	Condition of Man’s Creation	2:8-17
4	Creation of Woman	2:18-25
5	Temptation and Fall	3:1-7
6	Judgment of God	3:8-24
7	Cain and Abel	4:1-26
8	Pre-flood Spiritual Condition of Man	5:1 – 6:12
9	God’s Judgment by Flood	6:13 – 8:19
10	Post-Flood Events (New Beginnings)	8:20 – 9:29
11	Table of Nations Tower of Babel	10:1 – 11:26
12	Call of Abram	11:27–12:20
13	Abram and Lot Separate Lot Captured and Rescued	13:1 - 14:24
14	Abrahamic Covenant is Cut	15:1-21
15	Birth of Ishmael Covenant Confirmed with Circumcision	16:1 – 17:27
16	Sodom and Gomorrah	18:1 – 19:38
17	Abraham and Abimelech Birth of Isaac Expulsion of Ishmael	20:1 – 21:34
18	Sacrifice of Isaac	22:1-24
19	Death and Burial of Sarah Marriage of Isaac	23:1 – 25:18

	Death of Abraham	
	Ishmael 's Descendants	
20	Esau and Jacob	25:19 – 26:35
	God Blesses Isaac	
21	Jacob's Deception	27:1 – 28:9
22	Jacob's Ladder Vision	28:10 – 29:35
	Jacob Marries Leah/Rachel	
	Leah Bears Jacob Four Sons	
23	Jacob's Sons	30:1 – 31:55
	Jacob and Laban	
	Jacob Leaves for Canaan	
24	Jacob's Meeting with God	32:1 – 33:20
	Jacob's Meeting with Esau	
25	Personal Problems in the Land	34:1 – 36:43
	Covenant Confirmed at Bethel	
	Birth of Benjamin/Death of Rachel	
	Death of Isaac	
	Esau's Descendants	
26	Joseph's Early Life	37:1-36
27	Judah and Tamar	38:1-30
28	Joseph in Potiphar's House	39:1-23
29	Joseph in Pharaoh's Prison	40:1-23
30	Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams	41:14-36
31	Joseph's Brothers Visit in Egypt	42:1 – 45:8
32	Israel in Egypt	45:9 – 47:27
33	Death of Jacob	47:28 – 49:33
	Blessing of His Sons	
34	Burial of Jacob	50:1-26
	Joseph's Final Days	
35	Review	

Introduction

Suggested approach:

1. Read the student material for the Introduction.
2. Lead a discussion of matters raised by the Directed Study Questions.
3. Underscore the following points:
 - #1 Apart from Gen. 1 and 2, we have no record of the absolute beginning of all things.
 - #2 **Genesis**, as does the rest of the **Bible**, simply assumes the existence of God.
 - #3 Neither atheistic nor theistic evolution can be reasonably supported from the text of Chapters 1 and 2.
 - #4 **Genesis** points to a supernatural, sudden creation of all things out of nothing by the fiat (spoken command) of God.
 - #5 As Christians we must have a biblical world view based on God's word, not one resting on science or philosophy based on the natural thinking of the human mind.
 - #6 Science, history, philosophy and the like must be viewed in light of the **Bible**, not vice versa.

Lesson #1

PASSAGE : Genesis 1:1-25

KEY VERSE : “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”
(1:1)

“Then God said...and it was so” (1:9)

SUBJECT : Creation

FOCUS : The Creator God

Main Idea: In creating all things God revealed His greatness.

Genesis 1 reveals to us a great deal about God:

I. God is positioned above His created order.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (1:1)

NOTE: God is pictured as pre-existing before all things and being outside of or above His created order, i.e., He is transcendent (see John 1:1-3; Heb. 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-16; Ps. 33:13; Job 28:24; Is. 66:1).

II. God is powerful

“Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” (1:3)

“And God made the expanse....” (1:7)

NOTE: God only had to speak for things to come into existence out of nothing (see Ps. 33:6-9; Heb. 11:1-3).

III. God is the Producer of all life

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth’; and it was so.” (1:11)

“And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.” (1:21)

“And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.” (1:25)

NOTE: All life (plants, animals, birds, fish, etc.) is sourced in God (see Is. 42:5; cf. Gen. 2:7).

IV. God is purposeful

“Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth’; and it was so.

And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.” (1:14-16)

“And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth’.” (1:21-22)

“And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.” (1:4)

NOTE: Out of that which was unorganized (formless) and void (uninhabited) God created something beneficial with order and

purpose and then filled each sphere of the created order with that which was appropriate (i.e., birds for the sky, etc.). All that God created was good (attractive, beneficial, fitting, useful, worthwhile).

V. God is the Potentate over creation

“And God called the expanse heaven” (1:8)

“And God called the dry land earth” (1:10)

“And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth’.”(1:22)

NOTE: God evidenced His sovereign Lordship over creation by naming, blessing and commanding.

CONCLUSION: Even before He created man, God demonstrated how great He really is and therefore how worthy He is of our worship. He is the Creator God, Elohim, the Mighty One (see Acts 17:23-28).