

Tips for Use in Family or Small Group Bible Studies

Questions to consider after each account

- What was the most interesting aspect of this account to you? Why did it stand out?
- Name another detail or two that you are still thinking about. Why?
- Can you think of Bible details that were not included in this summary? Let's look them up.
- Did this account reveal anything about God? His Character?
- What did it make you think about regarding mankind?
- How does that apply to you? What do you feel the Lord may want you to adjust in your own life?

Small Group usage ideas

- When introducing the series, tell why you feel *The 10-Minute Bible Journey* can help your family or your group to quickly get a solid overview of the main accounts and characters of the Bible. Tell about how much easier it is to understand the Bible's full storyline by reading its main points in the chronological order that they actually took place.
- Start at the beginning and read each account aloud. Consider having two or three group members take turns. Read with emotion to increase the group's sense of the situations being highlighted.
- Place each account on a linear timeline, as each is read and discussed. Start the group study with a large wide piece of blank paper on the wall. Draw a 6,000-year timeline with 4000 B.C. on the far left and A.D. 2000 on the far right. Emulate the timeline at the back of this book, but only the line and the millenium dates. The leader adds or has a group member add the number and title of each account as it is covered. Roll the paper up and bring it back every week. (Whiteboard not recommended.)
- Have the group open their Bibles to the passages covered (so they are also "in" their Bibles). For the accounts that are based on just a chapter or so, it is fairly easy to follow along. However, accounts based on multiple chapters or pieces from multiple books, will be more cumbersome. Some group members may want to scan the long passages between meetings.
- Discuss the generic all-account questions.
- Draw or show "where" each account takes place on a map of Bible lands. Have a group member show the route or sequence of cities and other places as each is introduced.
- As part of the leader's lesson prep, be sure to read the endnotes and primary passages connected to that lesson.
- Close each discussion with a few minutes of prayer that includes a time of asking God to help the group to change and grow in their relationship with Jesus, and their trust in the truth and authority of the Bible. We all need a continual heart-change. Ask God to accomplish that in you!