

in all things

PRE-GATHERING BIBLE STUDY #3

GOD REDEEMS IN THE STORY OF ALL THINGS

GOALS:

1. This study will show participants how God continually redeems His people and reveals His grace and forgiveness repeatedly in the Bible. (We call repeating big ideas like these “Biblical Themes.”)
2. Through reading and re-reading the Scriptures, this study will help participants see how God redeems His people to reveal who God is and how He interacts with humanity. Ultimately, our redemption comes through the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. Jesus’ death and resurrection brings us forgiveness to become children of God.

LESSON

How would you define redemption?

Read **Genesis 37**.

1. What happened to Joseph?

Read **Genesis 50:15-21**.

2. Where do you see redemption in the story of Joseph?
3. What do these verses reveal about God’s character?

Our icon for the biblical theme of redemption is chains breaking. As you read this next story of the Exodus, draw an image of chains breaking to remind you of how God works through redemption.



Read **Exodus 12:21-42**.

Use the box below to write down or draw key words, phrases, or ideas. Then answer the questions below:

1. Who is being redeemed in the story of the Exodus?
2. What are they being redeemed from?
3. What does their redemption show us about God's character?
4. How do we still see God's redemption today?

CALL TO ACTION

1. Be on the lookout for some examples of redemption in our world. Maybe it is in the news, in movies or TV, or your own personal life! Especially look for examples of redemption in other scripture passages, hymns, songs, etc. Be ready to share one example the next time your group gets together.
2. Between now and the next Pre-Gathering Bible Study, read 2 Samuel 12 at least twice and think about these questions. If possible, find a time to read this passage with someone else in your church:
 - a. Where do you see redemption in the story of David?
 - b. What does David's redemption show us about God's character?