



Magnolia Bible Church Men's Group (5-week Series)
Perspectives of God | Educating our Minds | Warnings for Life
Lesson #5: Living with new perspectives built on the power of God
Series taught by Chris Alexander | March 7, 2024

Series Overview

Life today is changing at a breakneck pace. Never before have we seen so many different technologies and the impact they're having on how we think, act, and make decisions. In our hands and pockets, we have devices that literally allow us to track family members, see and talk to anyone in the world at any time, and obtain information in seconds on every subject imaginable. Even though we have access to practically unlimited information and knowledge, never has Biblical illiteracy been so high. The average American can't recount Bible stories like Creation, The Fall, Noah, and the Tower of Babel that were practically known to every school child in the 1950s. We all realize this is part of Satan's overall plan to move the hearts of men away from the mind of God. Satan has distracted Believers, especially men, to stop being the leaders God we've been called to be at home, in our neighborhoods, the office, and church.

The 5-week **Life in the Pew** series is sure to change your perspectives on the world around us and challenge us to study with greater intensity Biblical prophecy and truths, using the lens of Scripture to view current events and technologies in a new way. The goal of this series is to help us better understand God's plan for our lives and the urgency for sharing the Gospel of Jesus with a nation and world that desperately needs Him.

Series Schedule

Provided below is the schedule for the 5-week **Life in the Pew** series.

- Lesson #1 on February 8: Biblical overview and understanding the Prophetical Timeline
- Lesson #2 on February 15: Satanic activity and his impact on directing the nations
- Lesson #3 on February 22: Exploring world history considering the Biblical ancient empires
- Lesson #4 on February 29: Technology advancement in preparation for the rise of the Antichrist
- **Lesson #5 on March 7: Living with new perspectives built on the power of God**

Lesson #5 Overview

This is the last week in our series. I've thoroughly enjoyed our time together (as I always do). I've especially enjoyed our discussions. If you'll remember during our first week we opened with a discussion on the Biblical timeline, dating back to Creation and looking to future End Times. One of the reasons we opened this series from a historical context is it is critically important to understand God's Sovereignty in controlling time and events.

In tonight's lesson we're going to apply the P.E.W. theme as we explore four major Bible characters and the historical events that made up their lives in service to God.

- Perspective: What are God's thoughts on the people and events that occur?
- Educate: What does God want us to learn in reading this passage?
- Warning: What are the consequences if I do not take heed to the events in this passage?

Throughout Scripture we see a common theme of God bringing men and women to Himself, it is the redemptive story of mankind. History is indeed His-Story.

Provided in the table below are four major Bible characters we're going to discuss as part of this lesson. It is recommended you study via reading / skimming the Bible passages in preparation for answering questions.

No.	Person of Interest (all dates estimated)	Biblical Passage
1	Noah (Flood: 2,150 B.C.)	Genesis 5 through 9
2	Abraham (1,813 to 1,638 B.C.)	Genesis 12 through 25
3	Joseph (1562 to 1452 B.C.)	Genesis 35 through 50
4	Paul (4 B.C. to 62 A.D.) ⁽¹⁾	Acts 8 through 28 (and his Epistles)

In the lecture I will go into additional detail on these men, but provided below are a few thoughts and comments related to their lives and how God used them to accomplish His purposes.

- Each man was called by God for a specific job, as He does with us (Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:28-29).
- Each man had significant challenges in their lives. God used those challenges to increase their faith in Him and to demonstrate His greatness to them and others.
- Our lives today are enhanced because of the obedience of these men. **Mankind and Christianity would not exist today as it does were it not for the obedience of these men.**

Questions for Discussion

1. Read (or skim) the Bible passages in the above table and provide answers to the following questions.

	Noah	Abraham	Joseph	Paul
What challenge did they face?				
In what areas did God work in their lives?				
How does their story impact our lives today?				

2. On Page 1 review the list of lessons we've covered in this series. We've certainly covered a lot of material and stories in this series! What new information have you learned and how are you going to use it as you share your knowledge of God and the Bible with others?

Resources

1. <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Paul-the-Apostle>