

Ordinary Faith

Overview:

- Read Revelation 12:1-9; 13-18.
- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- There is a Story going on. What is our place in that Story?

Explore:

- What are your first impressions of the passage in Revelation?
- Discuss God's Existence before the Creation of anything. Refer to John 1:1-5 is needed.
- God is Love. (1Jn 4:8,16). Discuss the implications of such a statement.
- Why does every Story have a Villain? Why do we need a Villain?
- How do you feel about the idea that there is a fierce battle taking place all around us every moment of our lives?
- How does such an idea affect your understanding of the events in your own life? Especially, self criticism?
- Describe Heaven. What about it excites you?
- A Battle to Fight, An Adventure to Live, and A Reward to Lay Hold - Are these important to your Faith and Life?

Revelation 12:1-9;13-18

There is only ONE Story...

- Let's consider our awareness of the temporal and spiritual world around us.
- Our Worldview must embrace and explain the existence of Good and Evil.
- A Biblical Christian Worldview is the only explanation.
- There is a certain expectation within us for better things.
- A Battle to Fight, An Adventure to Live, A Reward Awaits

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

Revelation 12:1-9;13-18

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever

John 1:1-5 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

1 John 4:8, 16 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. 25 For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. 26 And the last enemy to be destroyed is death
Also Romans 5:17; Col 1:13-14; Rev 19:11-16; 1 Cor 2:9

EPIC... The Story

Revelation 12:1-9;13-18; Eccl 3:11

ACT I - Once Upon A Time.

Twenty Minutes Late

The Red Pill

How May We REALLY See?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

The Sacred Romance

John 1:1-5; 1 John 4:8,16

Act II - The Entrance of Evil

Why Does Every Story Have a Villain?

The Assault of Doubt

Act III - The Battle for the Heart

A Perfect World

A Battle is Underway

1 Cor 15:24-26

A Fierce Battle

Romans 5:17

Act IV - The Return of the King

The Story of Restoration

Col 1:13-14

The Story of Reward

The Story of The King

Rev 19:11-16

Conclusion

A Battle to Fight

An Adventure to Live

A Reward to Claim

1 Cor 2:9