

TUTORIAL
1.6

Preparation for Creation to Christ

This is for learners to prepare for the next set of tutorials that cover God's Narrative from Creation to Christ, to understand the process of working through the tutorial material, and the purpose of the discussion questions.

Steps to working through the Tutorials

Work through the rest of the Module 1 tutorials in the following way;

1. Read the **Tutorial Notes** (downloadable PDF) as you listen to the **Audio** or watch the **Video**.
2. Read and think through the **Discussion Questions** (at the end of each Tutorial in the notes) and be prepared to talk about these questions. You could take notes on your thoughts or write out a longer answer if you like. For those doing the full *AccessTruth Curriculum* with a facilitator this will be the basis for your discussion.
3. Do the **Activities and Assignments** (at the end of each Tutorial in the notes) and submit any written material to your facilitators.

What is the purpose of the Discussion Points?

The discussion points will be used as a basis for discussion with a facilitator, if this is the way chosen to use the material. Read the following notes so you might better understand the purpose of the discussion points that are included with each tutorial.

The Discussion Points in the Biblical Foundations Tutorials were developed with these things in mind;

1. To help people to engage with Truth in such a way that their own worldview assumptions are held up to the light of God's Word.
 - This is done *chronologically* (following the narrative of God's own story) and *foundationally* (each layer of Truth being added only after the previous, more basic strata are solidly in place).
 - The discussion points are intended to help in the process by prompting people to consider the influences and building blocks

that have shaped their own worldviews, and those of the culture they are most familiar with, as they engage with the narrative of God's Word.

2. Some of the suggested discussion points are more theoretical and objective: about what people "out there" think and say. Others, as already mentioned, are more about the participant's own preconceptions and worldview assumptions. Some are more subjective and touch on our emotional or personal responses to the Truth about God, who He is and what He does. Discussions should cover the whole scope of these different areas.
3. Discussions in many "Bible Studies" can quickly lose focus and therefore their effectiveness. The discussion points are intended to help generate discussion while keeping it relevant and clearly connected to the material covered in the tutorial itself. It is important for people to become familiar with this kind of discussion, so they become equipped themselves to teach material and then encourage discussion that is relevant to the foundational truths that a passage of God's Word is bringing out.
4. Although the purpose of these discussion points is to raise questions and issues which are not directly covered in the tutorials themselves, they are (as has been stated) still very much related to the part of God's Word being covered. So in that sense, just like the tutorials themselves, any ensuing discussion should also be foundational. In other words, even though the participants are believers and no doubt very familiar with the Bible, as an *equipping* process the discussions will be most effective if they engage with the "layer" of Truth being covered at that point, rather than moving on. So any applications to their lives should be made as much as possible *in light of whatever Truth has already been covered up to that point*. Again, this models for them, and therefore equips them also, in how to have fruitful discussions with people without jumping prematurely to Truth *for which no foundations have yet been laid*.

