

Over the past decade I have had the opportunity to lead 160+ people through the first 11 chapters of *Genesis*. Many have gone on to finish the whole book of *Genesis*, while some of these have even studied the other four books of *Moses* with me.

Below are some comments from a few of these who have studied with me via B-study.com or in a local small group. Many of these are **Cru** staff members who I helped during our last nine years with that ministry.

Cru staff members:



"The Bible study with Tim has been a great asset to me. For one thing it helps me to stay consistent in Bible study. The way he has set up his website and coordinates the interaction allows us to discuss what we've studied online even though none of us live in the same city. I'd recommend it to anyone who would appreciate or need the accountability. I've studied *Genesis*, *Exodus* and *Leviticus* with him and I probably would not have ever done that on my own."

Chuck Wallace

Austin, Texas

Bridges International - Nat'l Operations Director

"I personally have been blessed by Tim's insights and penetrating questions that have been used by the Lord to send me deeper into His Word than most other studies during my time on staff. And the extra encouragement and accountability have been great to fight against laziness and lack of discipline. This is crucial for me in the spiritual battle I face each day and to keep me refreshed in Him and His Word. It's been wonderful, all the new insights and applications that I have been able to pass on to my staff team and disciples."

Dave Johnson

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Cru Campus Ministry developer



"I have been involved in Tim's online bible study for about 5 years. It has been a wonderful time of exploring *Genesis*, *Exodus* and *Leviticus* in a depth I have never gone before. So many of the stories I have read for years have taken on new meaning. In some cases I have had some 'Ah hah's' and beliefs I had since a child have been corrected."

Patty (Ken) Borgert

Pretoria, South Africa

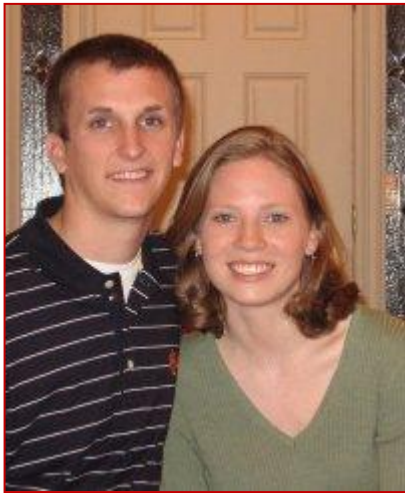
FamilyLife Ministry



"To me the weekly bible study that Tim is (2002) leading in our office is a great enrichment. Specially in this time, where even among Christians the truths of the bible are more and more being diminished, destroyed or neglected. Tim and Dawn are standing unmovable as rocks in a stormy ocean. One thing specially I learned from Tim, to very thoroughly observe what the bible says, before getting to interpretation and application."

Charlotte Schwendy

German Missionary in Moscow
Jesus Film Ministry



"My study of the Scriptures through www.b-study.com has really benefited me in my walk with the Lord. I have a greater appreciation for Genesis and Exodus, and I have seen the important foundation they play for the rest of the Bible. I have learned more and more about our great God and His unfolding plan for His creation. I have been challenged to know His Word more, and to more authentically follow Him. "

Mark Bouchillon,
Spartanburg, SC
Cru Campus Ministry

"I have been looking for a bible study that fits my style of learning. I have enjoyed Tim's study for a year and a half because of it's flexibility in fitting into my time schedule, interaction with others and a basic framework of questions accompanied by thought provoking questions. "

Aaron Groff

Riga, Latvia
Cru National Campus Director



"I'm very happy to be part of this online Bible Study. It really fulfilled my desire to study the Word of God deeply. Being a mother of two kids and working full time with students I needed some encouragement and accountability to do that."

"Getting to know Abraham's faith and his experiences with God encourages me to really trust God even when things seems impossible through my eyes."

Adelina Berhami

Albania
Leadership Team

"I've done two studies with Tim. Living overseas, we need to be fed from the Word even as we feed others. Tim's studies have given me the discipline and guidance to dig deeper, and the motivation to stick with it. I've gained treasure for myself and also truth I can share with those I minister to."

Connie Johnson

Morocco at the time she studied



"In 2006 I was invited to participate in Tim's study. Before then I had started a personal inductive study beginning from Genesis. So it was quiet timely for me to join the group on line. I have enjoyed every bit of it. The study has moved from just sending study answers by e-mails to group member to interacting on a web-site, "B-study". Tim Patterson's observation and thought questions have always helped me to think deeper about the scriptures. "

Diana (Steve) Adu-Amoani

Accra, Ghana,
West Africa Area office

"(T)his study has been a blessing for me, especially being a mom of two little ones, it is hard to find the time to join Bible Studies and just hard to get time in the word. This study gives me the flexibility of doing it on my own time, yet keeps me accountable to studying the scriptures."

Melissa Adams

Concepcion, Chile
Cru Campus ministry

"Tim has been instrumental in helping my faith in God to increase as a result of my online study of Genesis with him. My Sunday school children are eager to have me teach them because they also get to better understand the history of this world."

Clara Edem Bedi

Accra, Ghana
Administrator for West Africa AOA

"This has been the best in depth study I think I have ever done in the Word. And that's counting seminary classes! I've said this before, but I have so appreciated your encouragement and your follow-up questions that cause us to go deeper. You make it easy to be wrong, and that's a gift! "

Theresa Anstett

Cru President's Office
Legal Counsel
Orlando, FL

Other Students:

"I have never studied the Bible so thoroughly. Now, thanks to this course, I understand the connections of events and relationship of people more clearly. This question-answer form (especially "who-when-where-why" approach) is very convenient for a Bible student to deepen his/her knowledge of Bible." **Irina Firsova**

Moscow
Teacher



Being a part of a dynamic Bible study with people from several different continents and nationalities is truly a great thing. Here on the mission field it is so nice to get the stimulation and thought provoking questions that keep the practical and current-to-life aspects of scripture in the forefront with the historical and theological.

Bernie Jacobsen

Moscow
Missionary businessman

"I am **Simeon Amanor** (Ghana). I turned 66 on 30th May 2009. Ever since I started the Gospel of Jesus according to Moses with Tim from *Genesis*, my faith in the Lord has deepened tremendously and I now have a better appreciation of the New Testament.



"Tim the Bible study had been a highlight of my week and I've thought of offering it in my church."

Dan Skinner,
Businessman and supporter
New Albany, MS



"I can't express how much I have enjoyed studying *Genesis*. It has given me a great perspective on God's story. I have given some thought to starting all over again in *Genesis* 1 and going through the entire book again. I believe God would reveal more new and exciting things to me. However, I am eager to get into the book of *Exodus* too. So much to learn, so little time!"

Dr. Dick (Sherry) Wood
Retired Chemist, Supporter

"What I gained from our structured, in-depth study is not just head knowledge, but also an intensified richness in my spiritual devotions and prayer life because of this increased understanding of God. Having gone through the entire book (*Genesis*) has been a great motivation to continue studying the scriptures in this way."

Joy Mutero

Laywoman, Kenya

Currently in South Africa

"Bible study with you...is most helpful in the understanding the texts (at least when it is possible for me at all). Reading the Bible in Russian is less clear to me. I am also grateful for your attention and encouragement."

Nadya Shemshurina, Moscow

"Your teaching method is great as it made me think for myself instead of listening to a lecture. It was a real teamwork where everybody's opinion counts."

Larissa Matina, Moscow



"In the spring of this year Tim agreed to give me personal tutoring in the book of Exodus. We met for several hours once a week and during those sessions Tim selflessly and with great patience expounded Scripture to me. The sessions were unforgettable not only for the new insights I acquired, but also for the fellowship he shared."

Vasko Kohlmayer

Moscow

Political journalist living in Moscow.

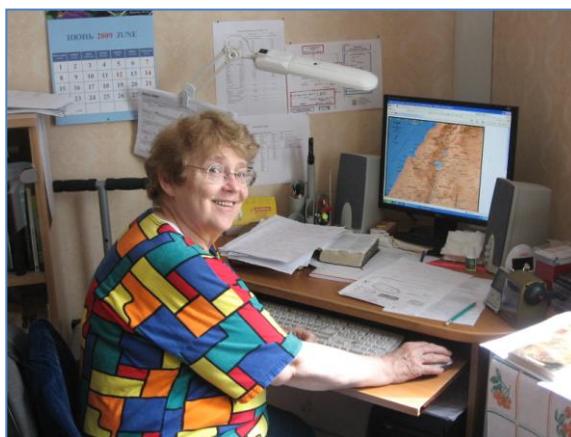
"I was really impressed by the importance of the book *Genesis*, especially the effect of the first eleven chapters in strengthening my faith in the Lord, the Creator of the universe. This study totally overturned my attitude towards the knowledge that I received at school about evolution, Darwin's theory."

Valentina Karchazhkina,

Moscow

Bible teacher

*Valentina is responsible for the Russian versions of studies in *Genesis - Joshua* on Tim's website, www.b-study.com



The knowledge gained in the study of *Genesis* is making the rest of the Scriptures come alive. The Holy Spirit is blessing me with an understanding that had eluded me in the past because I hadn't really believed the *Genesis* story – I didn't understand it, now I do and it's exciting!

Tom Clayton

retired Air Force Colonel

Aurora, MN

"Going through these Scriptures in a slow, methodical way has helped me to become a better Bible student and has given me a deeper understanding of His Word."

Sandi Wells

Laywoman

New Mexico



"The studies are in-depth and because we get to share answers and thoughts I find that I am more willing to spend time "digging", meditating and listening to the opinions of others. Many times participants share insights from their own experiences and cultures that enliven the study. We pray together too and I have built relationships with brethren the world over (most of whom I have never met).

Arinola Adefila

PhD., Nigeria,