**Key Issues & Essential Bible Verses**

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| Verses\* these verses may not be fully reflected here and will need to be looked up to place them within context. | 1. How would you retell the truth(s) of this passage in your own words?
2. What illustration(s) would you use to communicate this truth? (metaphor, image or story)
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| Genesis 1:1-31 God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.  |  |
| Genesis 3:1-24 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. |  |
| Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. |  |
| Isaiah 1:1-31 Stop doing wrong learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.  |  |
| Isaiah 53:1-12 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows. |  |
| Isaiah 58:1-14 Is this not the kind of fast I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke. |  |
| Hosea 2:2-3:1 Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites. |  |
| Matthew 5:1-12 the Beatitudes |  |
| Mathew 5:13-16 let your light shine before men |  |
| Mathew 5:21-26 be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift. |  |
| Mathew 5:27-30 if your right eye causes you to sin gouge it out and throw it away. |  |
| Mathew 5:43-48 love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you |  |
| Mathew 6:25-34 do not worry about your life…seek the kingdom. |  |
| Mathew 16:21-28 he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. |  |
| Mathew 18:1-9 whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. |  |
| Matthew 18:15-20 if your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault |  |
| Matthew 19:16-30 go sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me.  |  |
| Matthew 25:31-46 whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me.  |  |
| Matthew 27:32-28-10 the death and resurrection of Jesus…Do not be afraid. God and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, there they will see me. |  |
| Matthew 28:16-20 Go make disciples of all nations. |  |
| Mark 2:1-12 Son, your sins are forgiven. |  |
| Mark 2:13-17 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. |  |
| Mark 6:6b-13 calling the twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.  |  |
| Mark 9:33-37 if anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last and the servant of all.  |  |
| Luke 4:14-30 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. |  |
| Luke 6:20-36 Blessed are you who are poor…But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. |  |
| Luke 11:1-13 Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples. |  |
| Luke 14:25-34 if anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.  |  |
| Luke 15:11-32 this brother of yours was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found.  |  |
| John 1:1-18 the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  |  |
| John 10:1-21 I am the Good Shepherd. |  |
| John 15:1-17 I am the vine, you are the branches. |  |
| John 13:1-17 he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. |  |
| Acts 2:42-47 they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. |  |
| Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord |  |
| Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord |  |
| Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” |  |
| Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. |  |
| Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.  |  |
| 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5 God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. |  |
| 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. |  |
| 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! |  |
| Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do |  |
| Philippians 2:5-8 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  |  |
| Colossians 1:19-20 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. |  |
| Colossians 1:21-22 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation |  |
| Colossians 2:1-2 Since, then you have been raised with Christ set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. |  |
| Titus 3:3-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.  |  |
| 1 Timothy 6:6-19 man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. |  |
| 2 Timothy 2:1-9 entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. |  |
| Hebrews 4:14-16 we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are…yet was without sin. |  |
| Hebrews 12:1-7 let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.  |  |
| James 2:14-19 faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.  |  |
| 1 John 1:7-2:2 if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. |  |
| 1 John 4:8-12 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.  |  |
| Revelation 21:2-8 now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.  |  |

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| Adoption |  |
| Atonement (sins paid for) |  |
| Brokenness |  |
| Community |  |
| Concern for the poor/margins |  |
| Erase of debt |  |
| Exclusivity of Jesus |  |
| Faith |  |
| Forgiveness (given) |  |
| Forgiveness (received) |  |
| Generosity |  |
| God as Father |  |
| God as Holy Spirit |  |
| God as Son |  |
| Grace |  |
| Holiness |  |
| Humility |  |
| Kingdom of God |  |
| Lordship of Jesus |  |
| Love |  |
| Love for neighbor |  |
| Love for poor |  |
| Love of God |  |
| Mission |  |
| Obedience |  |
| Purity |  |
| Redemption |  |
| Relationship with God |  |
| Resurrection from Dead |  |
| Sacrifice |  |
| Service |  |
| Sexual brokenness |  |
| Sexual purity |  |
| Upside down Kingdom |  |
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