

1) Why is it worth studying?

a) Genesis 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God **said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

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b) John 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**.

<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

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c) John 1:14

<sup>14</sup> The **Word** became **flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only **Son**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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2) Communication = Connection

a) Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female** he created them.

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b) Genesis 2:24

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and **they become one flesh**.

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c) Romans 12:4-5

4-5 Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. **So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.**

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d) Revelation 7:9-10

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

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3) Miscommunication = Sin

a) Genesis 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He **said** to the woman, “Did God really **say**, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the

garden,<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”<sup>4</sup> “You will not certainly die,” the serpent **said** to the woman.<sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, **knowing** good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they **realized** they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made **coverings for themselves**.<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid from the Lord God** among the trees of the garden.

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- 4) Communication Hiding
  - a) We hide behind untruth
  - b) We hide behind masks
  - c) We hide behind success
  - d) We hide behind blame
  - e) We hide behind self
  - f) We hide behind isolation
- 5) Communication Brokenness
  - a) Blame
  - b) Gossip
  - c) Silence
  - d) Anger
  - e) Revenge
  - f) Selfishness
  - g) Victim mentality
- 6) Communication: God’s Grace
  - a) Hebrews 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the past God **spoke** to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has **spoken** to us by his **Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.<sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his **powerful word**. After he had provided **purification for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

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- b) Romans 10:13-15

<sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who **calls** on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they **call** on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not **heard**? And how can they **hear** without someone **preaching** to them?<sup>15</sup> And how can anyone **preach** unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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c) 1 Peter 1:23

<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring **word of God**.

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