

Bible Study 2021

Trees (of life!)

Study One

1. What is a tree?
2. What is your favourite tree and why?
3. In Genesis 1:12 and 2:9, what was the purpose of trees?
4. What is your purpose?

Study Two

1. What is the first tree specifically mentioned in the Bible (Genesis 2)?
2. Where was it located (Genesis 2)?
3. Is it mentioned anywhere else?
4. What is the purpose of this tree (Genesis 3:22)?

Study Tree 🌳

1. What is the second tree specifically mentioned in the Bible (Genesis 2)?
2. Why do you think it was there?
3. In Genesis 2:15, God put Adam into the garden of Eden to dress and *keep* it. Look up the word "Keep" in the Hebrew; what would God want Adam to *guard* the garden from? How might this tree help him do this?

Study Four

1. Read Exodus 15:23-25
2. Does this tree remind you of another we have already looked at? If so, how?
3. When Moses cried, the Lord showed him a tree. When you cry out what has God showed to you?

Study Five

1. Read Psalm 137
2. The Weeping Willow is a beautiful but sad looking tree. Why were the Jews weeping in this Psalm?
3. Read Isaiah 44: 3-4. The willow here has a happier connotation. What is it?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 7:3 and apply it to what we have already discussed.

Study Six

1. “Tenacious” *adjective*: tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely. Read Psalm 104:16
2. Cedars are strong trees. The Hebrew definition in this verse provides an interesting clue as to why: “cedar tree (from the tenacity of its roots)”
3. How can we grow strong? Provide a verse about this and we’ll discuss it 😊

Study Seven

1. Read Ezekiel chapter 15
2. How are we like the vine tree in this chapter?
3. Read John 15: 1-7 and compare this to Ezekiel 15. Discuss.

Study Eight

1. The phrase, “tree of life” is mentioned four times in Proverbs (3:18, 11:30, 13:12, 15:4)
2. Pick one of these verses and tell us how this is true *for you*.

Study Nine

1. God is a gardener. In Genesis He *planted* a garden. If you were a tree, which one would you be (you can use *any* tree, it does not have to be specifically mentioned in scripture)?
2. Read Psalm 139: 13-18 – how is this like God planting a garden?
3. In Genesis 3, God curses the ground we have come from because of sin. We naturally grow *away* from our creator despite being created by Him. Read Isaiah 61:1-3.
4. Jesus fulfilled these verses (Luke 4:17-21). How is this tree like being born again?

Study Ten

1. We have looked a lot at the tree of life both specifically and in a picture. How is Jesus like that tree?
2. How has Jesus been that tree *to you*?
3. The tree of life is in Genesis and Revelation: how is this significant?

