

Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament (Module 6)
Chapter 5: Establishing the Church
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Important Note to Parents or Teachers: The word “eunuch” is used in this module. In Scripture, Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26 – 39. Determine the need to explain the word “eunuch” to students before beginning this module.

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Summary

Lesson Objectives: To understand how the early church was established.

Prayer: Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 131 in your study guide.

Vocabulary Words: The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Chronicle

Resent

Martyrdom

Ascension

Strict

Instrumental

Outpouring

Encounter

Eunuch

Endow

Extinguish

Conversion

Reading Assignment: Read pages 132 through 133 in your study guide.

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Review Questions: Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Which book of the Bible written by Luke tells the history of the early church?
 - a) Luke
 - b) Acts
 - c) Hebrews
 - d) Revelation

- 2) Everyone is born spiritually separated from God because of sin. Who did God send to free us from sin and reconcile us with God?
 - a) The Prophet Moses
 - b) John the Baptist
 - c) Jesus Christ, the Messiah
 - d) The Apostle Paul

- 3) The disciples and other devout followers stayed together, praying and waiting for God to send the Holy Spirit. When did the outpouring of the Holy Spirit occur?
 - a) On the day of Pentecost
 - b) On the Sabbath day
 - c) During the Passover celebration
 - d) During the Crucifixion

- 4) Who was on his way to arrest believers in Damascus when Jesus called out to him saying, “Why are you persecuting me?”
 - a) Peter
 - b) John
 - c) Luke
 - d) Saul

- 5) Who had a vision about a sheet filled with all kinds of animals and then heard a voice say, “Get up, kill and eat them.”
 - a) Peter
 - b) John
 - c) Luke
 - d) Saul

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Vocabulary Mix and Match: Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Enter the alphabet associated with the correct definition in the space provided.

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| 1) Chronicle | _____ | A) To express displeasure, ill-will or bitter feelings |
| 2) Ascension | _____ | B) To put an end to, to put out |
| 3) Outpouring | _____ | C) Death due to one's religion |
| 4) Endow | _____ | D) To record a historical account |
| 5) Resent | _____ | E) Helping, assisting, serving to aid |
| 6) Strict | _____ | F) A sudden rapid continuous flow |
| 7) Encounter | _____ | G) A face-to-face meeting |
| 8) Extinguish | _____ | H) The act of rising up or moving upward |
| 9) Martyrdom | _____ | I) To give or furnish with a gift or abilities |
| 10) Instrumental | _____ | J) Exact with no allowance for error |
| 11) Eunuch | _____ | K) An event that results in some kind of change |
| 12) Conversion | _____ | L) A man who cannot reproduce children |

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Writing Assignment: Write a prayer using the ACTS pattern of prayer you learned on page 8 of Module 1.

Date: _____

Prayer of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication

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Lesson Objectives: To understand and be able to explain following:

- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred on the day of Pentecost
- The apostles were mightily transformed and empowered to preach the Good News
- The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, Comforter, Counselor, Teacher, Helper, and Guide

Memory Verse: *“But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”* (John 14:26)

Prayer: Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 131 in your study guide.

Vocabulary Words: The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Hallucination
Conviction

Vigil
Penetrate

Qualification
Steadfast

Nominate
Goodwill

Eloquence
Cornerstone

Reading Assignment: Read pages 136 through 139 in your study guide.

Recommended Bible Reading: Turn to page 139 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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Review Questions: Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Who saw the resurrected Jesus at various times and places over a forty day period after He was crucified?
 - a) The Pharisees
 - b) The Sadducees
 - c) Jesus’ disciples
 - d) Roman soldiers

- 2) Jesus ascended in the air and disappeared in a cloud. Where did this event take place?
 - a) At the Mount of Olives near Bethany
 - b) At Jesus’ hometown of Nazareth
 - c) At Jesus’ birthplace in Bethlehem
 - d) At Calvary where Jesus was crucified

- 3) Who suddenly appeared and told the disciples that Jesus had been taken to heaven and would come back in the same way that they had seen him go?
 - a) The Holy Spirit
 - b) The Prophet Moses
 - c) The Prophet Elijah
 - d) Two men in white robes

- 4) How many believers were in the upstairs room waiting for God’s promise of the Holy Spirit?
 - a) 12
 - b) 120
 - c) 1200
 - d) 3000

- 5) Which of the following is “not” something that happened when God sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?
 - a) Believers heard a roaring sound like gale force winds rushing down from the sky.
 - b) Jesus suddenly appeared and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
 - c) Tongues of fire suddenly appeared above each of the believers’ heads.
 - d) The believers began speaking in languages that were not their native tongue.

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- 6) Who boldly addressed the crowd on the day of Pentecost saying, “What you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people . . . ?”
- a) Peter
 - b) James
 - c) John
 - d) Paul
- 7) In this lesson, a lame man was healed. Who healed the man?
- a) Peter
 - b) James
 - c) John
 - d) Paul
- 8) What did religious leaders do when the lame beggar was healed?
- a) Religious leaders honored the apostles for healing the man.
 - b) Religious leaders gave the lame beggar some food and money.
 - c) Religious leaders put the apostles in jail.
 - d) Religious leaders put the lame beggar in jail.
- 9) Peter said, “The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.” Who is the stone the builders rejected and is now the cornerstone?
- a) Moses
 - b) King David
 - c) Peter
 - d) Jesus Christ
- 10) Who did religious leaders tell to never speak in Jesus’ name again?
- a) Apostle Paul
 - b) Peter and John
 - c) Peter and James
 - d) Peter and Andrew

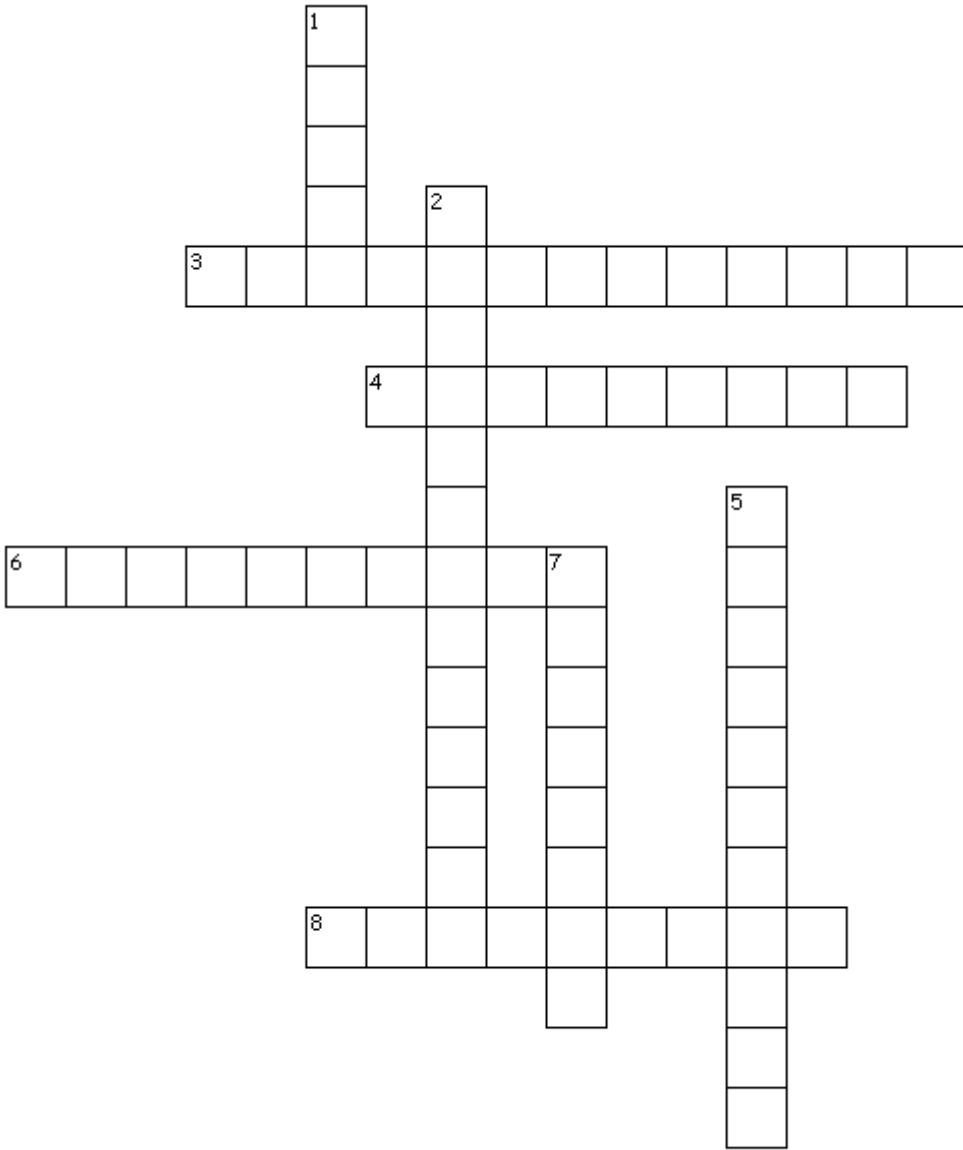
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Inductive Study: Use the table on page 134 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided.

Section 1: Outpouring of the Spirit	Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How
Who were the people you read about in this section?	
Where were the people in this section?	
When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 134.)	
What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.)	
Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?	
What were God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit doing in this section?	

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Crossword Puzzle: Use the vocabulary words for this lesson to fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle.



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Section 1: Outpouring of the Spirit

Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle Clues:

Across

3. A wandering of the mind beyond reality
4. Powerful and effective language
6. A strong, unshakeable belief in something
8. To pierce, enter into, or pass through

Down

1. Staying awake for religious devotional purposes
2. An attribute which must be met to meet a requirement
5. A foundational marker, the basis from which something began
7. To call by name for an office, an honor, or a position

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Creative Assignment: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred on the day of Pentecost. Read each of the scriptural events below and draw a picture of each scene.

1.) The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability” (Acts 2:1–4 NLT).

2.) The Crowds’ Reaction to the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

“At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed. ‘How can this be?’ they exclaimed. ‘These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! . . . And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!’ They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, ‘They’re just drunk, that’s all!’” (Acts 2:5–13 NLT).

3.) Peter’s Message to the Crowd after the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Peter stepped forward and spoke to a crowd of people saying, *“What you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved”* (Acts 2:16–21 NLT).



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Lesson Application 1: Thinking back to what you read in previous lessons, how would you describe Peter’s personality during Jesus’ three-and-a-half year ministry and at the time of Jesus’ arrest? Give specific examples that describe what Peter did or said in previous lessons to support your answer.

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Lesson Application 2: According to Scripture, God sent the Holy Spirit to be our “Advocate,” “Comforter,” “Counselor,” “Teacher,” “Helper,” “Friend,” and “Guide.” Look up these words in your dictionary and answer the following questions.

1.) The Holy Spirit is our Advocate. What is an Advocate? What does an advocate do?

2.) The Holy Spirit is our Comforter. How would you describe a person who is a comforter?

3.) The Holy Spirit is our Counselor. What is a counselor? What does a counselor do?

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4.) The Holy Spirit is our Teacher. How would you describe a person who is a teacher?

5.) The Holy Spirit is our Helper. How would you describe a person who is a helper?

6.) The Holy Spirit is our Friend. What is a friend? What does a friend do?

7.) The Holy Spirit is our Guide. What is a guide? What does a guide do?



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Lesson Application 3: Thinking back to what you read in this lesson, how would you describe Peter’s personality after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Give specific examples that describe what Peter did or said in this lesson to support your answer.

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Section 2: Good News in Jerusalem

Lesson Objectives: To understand the following:

- Believers of the early church shared their possessions so that everyone’s needs were met
- God wants us to share and demonstrate the love of Christ to those who are in need
- Stephen was the first Christian the Bible tells us about who was killed because of his faith

Memory Verse: *“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.”* (1 Corinthians 13:4—5 NLT)

Prayer: Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 131 in your study guide.

Vocabulary Words: The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Donate
Chamber

Deception
Charity

Conspire
Utilize

Envious
Deacon

Reading Assignment: Read pages 140 through 142 in your study guide.

Recommended Bible Reading: Turn to page 142 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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Review Questions: Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) One of the believers in the early church was a man named Joseph, who was called Barnabas. What did Barnabas do in this lesson to help the needy?
 - a) Barnabas was a doctor who provided free medicine to poor people.
 - b) Barnabas bought food and gave it to the apostles for the needy.
 - c) Barnabas sold some land and gave the money to the apostles.
 - d) Barnabas built houses for orphans and widows.

- 2) What does Barnabas’ name mean?
 - a) Son of Thunder.
 - b) Son of Encouragement.
 - c) Son of the Father.
 - d) Son of Freedom.

- 3) What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Peter about Ananias and Sapphira?
 - a) The Holy Spirit revealed that they cheated and kept some money for themselves.
 - b) The Holy Spirit revealed that they donated all of their money to the apostles for the poor.
 - c) The Holy Spirit revealed that they did not sell their property as they had agreed to do.
 - d) The Holy Spirit revealed that they did not own property.

- 4) What happened to Ananias and Sapphira?
 - a) They moved to Samaria.
 - b) They became deacons of the church in Jerusalem.
 - c) They both died.
 - d) They were imprisoned.

- 5) Who had the apostles arrested?
 - a) The high priest
 - b) Herod
 - c) Pilate
 - d) Caesar

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- 6) Who freed the apostles from jail?
 - a) Barnabas
 - b) Gamaliel
 - c) A Temple guard
 - d) An angel

- 7) Who advised the Sanhedrin council to stop trying to fight the apostles?
 - a) Barnabas
 - b) Gamaliel
 - c) A Temple guard
 - d) An Angel

- 8) Believers began complaining and grumbling about how food was being distributed. What did the apostles do in response to their complaints?
 - a) They gave the Greek-speaking widows more food than the Hebrew-speaking widows.
 - b) They gave the Hebrew-speaking widows more food than the Greek-speaking widows.
 - c) They stopped all food distributions and totally dedicate their time to preaching the gospel.
 - d) They chose seven men and made them responsible for distributing food.

- 9) Stephen was the first Christian the Bible tells us about who was killed because of his faith. What happened to Stephen?
 - a) Stephen was hung on a gallows.
 - b) Stephen was pierced with an arrow.
 - c) Stephen was stoned to death.
 - d) Stephen was thrown overboard and drowned to death.

- 10) When Stephen was killed, men took off their coats and laid them in front of a young man who later became an apostle. What was this man's name?
 - a) Saul
 - b) Barnabas
 - c) Philip
 - d) Peter

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Inductive Study: Use the table on page 134 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided.

Section 2: Good News in Jerusalem	Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How
Who were the people you read about in this section?	
Where were the people in this section?	
When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 134.)	
What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.)	
Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?	
How would you describe the apostles' character in this section? What were they doing?	

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Vocabulary Mix and Match: Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Enter the alphabet associated with the correct definition in the space provided.

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| 1) Donate | _____ | A) To make useful or to make use of |
| 2) Deception | _____ | B) Feeling or showing jealousy |
| 3) Conspire | _____ | C) To give to a charity or good cause |
| 4) Envious | _____ | D) An act of good-will and loving kindness |
| 5) Chamber | _____ | E) A person who serves members of the church |
| 6) Charity | _____ | F) A room where a judicial body transacts business |
| 7) Utilize | _____ | G) The act of misleading or misrepresenting something |
| 8) Deacon | _____ | H) To plot or to join together in a planning effort |

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Lesson Application 1: Believers of the early church generously shared their possessions so that everyone’s needs were met. What does your church do to help people who are poor?

Lesson Application 2: Think about someone you know who is poor, sick, or disabled. List a few things you could do to help this person that does not require a lot of money. For example, you could pray for them or let them know that Jesus loves them.

Lesson Application 3: Review the items you listed above and identify two things you “will” do this week to help the person you thought of in the previous exercise.

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Writing Assignment: The memory verse for this lesson is printed below. Read it and write your thoughts about what it means to you.

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.” (1 Corinthians 13:4–5 NLT)

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Section 3: Good News in Samaria/Judea

Lesson Objectives: To understand and be able to explain Saul’s (Paul’s) conversion and early ministry.

Memory Verse: *“(Love) does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”*
(1 Corinthians 13:6 – 7 NLT)

Prayer: Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 131 in your study guide.

Vocabulary Words: The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Transport
Consult

Permission
Insight

Aggressively
Dissenter

Reading Assignment: Read pages 143 through 145 in your study guide.

Recommended Bible Reading: Turn to page 145 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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Review Questions: Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Who led the movement to persecute Christ-followers after the stoning of Stephen?
 - a) Saul
 - b) Barnabas
 - c) Philip
 - d) Herod

- 2) In this lesson, Philip left Jerusalem and began teaching in a region north of Jerusalem. As a result of Philip’s teachings, a large number of people in this region accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Where did this happen?
 - a) In Galilee
 - b) In Syria
 - c) In Damascus
 - d) In Samaria

- 3) An angel instructed Philip to travel southward on the road to Gaza. Who did Philip meet on the road to Gaza?
 - a) Philip met Cornelius.
 - b) Philip met Caiaphas, the High Priest.
 - c) Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch.
 - d) Philip met Saul.

- 4) Philip explained the Good News of salvation to a man who was on the road to Gaza. Who wrote the scriptures Philip used to explain the Good News to this man?
 - a) The Prophet Moses
 - b) The Prophet Isaiah
 - c) The Prophet Jeremiah
 - d) The Prophet Ezekiel

- 5) Who asked Philip to baptize him in this lesson?
 - a) An Ethiopian eunuch
 - b) A Samaritan
 - c) The Queen of Ethiopia
 - d) A man from Azotus

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- 6) Where was Saul headed when a bright beam of light flashed down from heaven and a voice called out to him?
- a) Saul was headed to Bethlehem.
 - b) Saul was headed to Damascus.
 - c) Saul was headed to Jerusalem.
 - d) Saul was headed to Bethany.
- 7) Terrified, Saul asked who had called out to him. What was the voice's reply?
- a) I am the angel Gabriel.
 - b) I AM who I AM.
 - c) I am Father Abraham.
 - d) I am Jesus.
- 8) After hearing the voice, Saul became physically disabled. What happened to Saul?
- a) Saul became lame.
 - b) Saul became mute.
 - c) Saul became deaf.
 - d) Saul became blind.
- 9) Who laid hands on Saul, healed him, and baptized him?
- a) Philip
 - b) Ananias
 - c) Peter
 - d) John
- 10) Saul got into a debate with some non believers in Damascus. They decided to kill Saul. How did Saul escape?
- a) Saul pretended to be a madman, so the non believers let him go.
 - b) Believers lowered Saul in a basket over a section of the city wall.
 - c) Saul filed charges and had the non believers arrested.
 - d) Saul waited until nightfall and then rode out of town on a donkey.

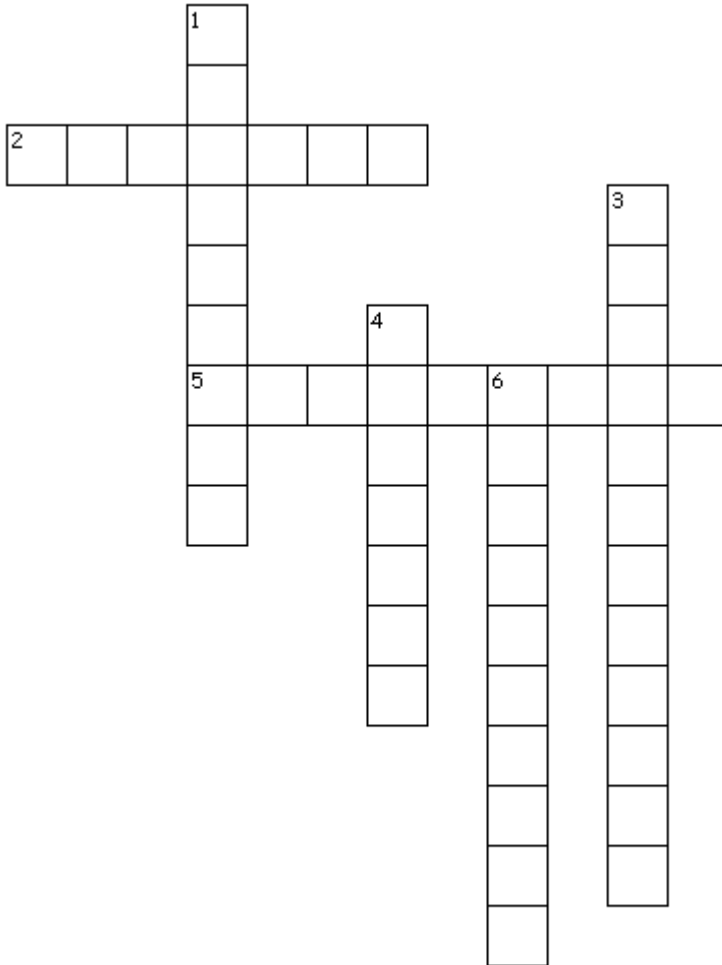
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Inductive Study: Use the table on page 134 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided.

Section 3: Good News in Samaria/Judea	Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How
Who were the people you read about in this section?	
Where were the people in this section?	
When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 134.)	
What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.)	
Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?	
How would you describe the apostles' character in this section? What were they doing?	

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Section 3: Good News in Samaria/Judea

Crossword Puzzle: Use the vocabulary words for this lesson to fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle.



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Section 3: Good News in Samaria/Judea

Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle Clues:

Across

2. To ask for advice
5. To move from one location to another

Down

1. A person who disagrees
3. In a forceful, ambitious, pushy manner
4. Clear understanding or deep perception of a situation
6. Approval to do something

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Lesson Application 1: In Acts 22:3–5, 17–21, and Philippians 3:5–6, Saul (Paul) tells about his heritage and some of the religious activities he participated in before his conversion. Read these scriptures in your Bible and write a short essay that describes Saul’s (Paul’s) life story before his conversion.



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Section 3: Good News in Samaria/Judea

Creative Assignment: After the stoning of Stephen, believers were sought out and persecuted. Saul led the movement, going into homes and arresting Christ-followers. Saul was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christ-followers, when he had a life-changing experience. Saul’s conversion and early ministry is told in Acts 9:1 – 25. Read it and recreate these scenes by writing a short play.

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Lesson Application 2: Based on Scripture and what you read in this lesson, describe the changes that occurred in Saul’s (Paul’s) life after his conversion.

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Writing Assignment: The memory verse for this lesson is printed below. Read it and write your thoughts about what it means to you.

“(Love) does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” (1 Corinthians 13:6 – 7 NLT)

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Section 4: Good News to the Gentiles

Lesson Objectives: To understand and be able to explain the following:

- Cornelius and his household were the first Gentile believers documented in the Bible
- God treats all people alike and is not pleased with prejudicial behavior
- *“Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”* (Acts 2:21)

Memory Verse: *“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.”* (Romans 10:9 – 10 NLT)

Prayer: Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 131 in your study guide.

Vocabulary Words: The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Devout	Generous	Dietary	Trance
Prejudicial	Descend	Objection	Shortage

Reading Assignment: Read pages 146 through 148 in your study guide.

Recommended Bible Reading: Turn to page 148 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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Review Questions: Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) In Lydda, Peter healed a man who had been paralyzed for eight years. What was the man’s name?
 - a) Cornelius
 - b) Aeneas
 - c) Dorcas
 - d) Barnabas

- 2) Two men found Peter and asked him to return with them to Joppa at once. What miracle did Peter perform in Joppa?
 - a) Peter healed a paralyzed man.
 - b) Peter restored sight to a blind man.
 - c) Peter brought a man back to life.
 - d) Peter brought a woman back to life.

- 3) Cornelius and his household were the first Gentile believers documented in the Bible. What did Cornelius do for a living?
 - a) Cornelius was a priest.
 - b) Cornelius was a Temple guard.
 - c) Cornelius was a Roman officer.
 - d) Cornelius was a religious teacher.

- 4) An angel appeared to Cornelius as he was praying. What did the angel tell Cornelius to do?
 - a) The angel told Cornelius to travel to Galilee and find Mary, the mother of Jesus.
 - b) The angel told Cornelius to send men to Jerusalem to find Apostle Paul.
 - c) The angel told Cornelius to send men to Joppa for a man named Peter.
 - d) The angel told Cornelius to go to Rome and meet with Caesar.

- 5) While Peter was praying on a rooftop, he fell into a trance. Peter saw a large sheet being lowered from heaven. What was inside the sheet?
 - a) Bread
 - b) Animals
 - c) Grapes
 - d) Olives

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- 6) Who told Peter that three men were looking for him?
 - a) The Holy Spirit
 - b) An Angel
 - c) Two men from Joppa
 - d) Barnabas

- 7) What happened when Peter explained the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to Cornelius and his household?
 - a) Cornelius and his household rejected the Good News and sent Peter back to Joppa.
 - b) The Holy Spirit descended on them and they began speaking in other languages.
 - c) An angel suddenly appeared and told them that God treats all people the same.
 - d) A sheet lowered from heaven and a voice said, “Get up! Kill these and eat them.”

- 8) When Peter returned to Jerusalem, the apostles and other believers were upset and criticized him. Why did they criticize Peter?
 - a) They criticized Peter because he entered Cornelius’ house and ate with Gentiles.
 - b) They criticized Peter because he healed a man on the Sabbath.
 - c) They criticized Peter because he did not wash his hands before eating a meal.
 - d) They criticized Peter because he allowed Cornelius to worship him as God.

- 9) The church in Jerusalem heard that Gentile’s in Antioch were accepting Jesus as their Savior. Who did they send to Antioch to verify these reports?
 - a) Peter
 - b) John
 - c) Barnabas
 - d) Saul

- 10) In what city were Christ-followers first called “Christians?”
 - a) Jerusalem
 - b) Caesarea
 - c) Joppa
 - d) Antioch

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Inductive Study: Use the table on page 134 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided.

Section 4: Good News to the Gentiles	Who, Where, When, What, Why, and How
Who were the people you read about in this section?	
Where were the people in this section?	
When did the events in this section take place? (See the Approx. Timeline on page 134.)	
What specific events took place in this section? (List a few major events that happened in this section.)	
Why are these events in the Bible? In your opinion, why did God want you to know about these events?	
How would you describe the apostles' character in this section? What were they doing?	

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Vocabulary Mix and Match: Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Enter the alphabet associated with the correct definition in the space provided.

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| 1) Devout | _____ | A) A fixed or regulated food allowance |
| 2) Generous | _____ | B) A deep sleep, stupor, daze, or visionary state |
| 3) Dietary | _____ | C) To move downward from a higher to a lower place |
| 4) Trance | _____ | D) The act of expressing disagreement or opposition |
| 5) Prejudice | _____ | E) Deeply religious, god-fearing, sincere |
| 6) Descend | _____ | F) Less than the expected or required amount |
| 7) Objection | _____ | G) A biased opinion formed without knowledge |
| 8) Shortage | _____ | H) Willing to give and share freely with others |

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Geography Assignment: Use the following list of words to fill in the blank spaces below. As you fill in the blanks, find each city on the map located on page 134 of your study guide.

Antioch	Azotus	Caesarea
Damascus	Gaza	Jerusalem
Joppa	Lydda	Samaria

1. After witnessing Jesus ascension, the disciples returned to _____, and kept a continuous prayer vigil in an upstairs room as they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (Hint: See page 136 in your study guide.)
2. After the stoning of Stephen, Philip left Jerusalem and went to _____ where he preached and performed healing miracles. A great number of people there accepted Jesus as the Messiah and were baptized. (Hint: See page 143 in your study guide.)
3. An angel instructed Philip to travel southward on the road to _____. Philip obeyed and ran into an Ethiopian eunuch who had been in Jerusalem and was on his way back home. (Hint: See page 143 in your study guide.)
4. After baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch, Philip was transported to _____. (Hint: See page 144 in your study guide.)
5. Saul was on his way to _____ when a bright light suddenly flashed down from heaven and a voice called out to him. (Hint: See page 144 in your study guide.)
6. While in _____, Peter healed a man named Aeneas who had been paralyzed for eight years. (Hint: See page 146 in your study guide.)
7. Peter went to _____ and brought Dorcas back to life. (Hint: See page 146 in your study guide.)
8. One day in the city of _____, an angel appeared to a man named Cornelius and told him to send for Peter. (Hint: See page 147 in your study guide.)
9. The believers in _____ were the first to refer to Christ-followers as “Christians.” (Hint: See page 148 in your study guide.)

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Lesson Application 1: Peter entered Cornelius’ house and said, *“You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean”* (Acts 10:28 CEV). Before Peter’s vision, he would not have entered Cornelius’ house because it was forbidden by Jewish law. Why did the Jews look down on the Gentiles? (Hint: Read the two notes on page 147 of your study guide.)

Lesson Application 2: Cornelius told Peter that an angel appeared to him and told him to send for a man named Peter. When Peter heard this, he said, *“Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. God is pleased with everyone who worships him and does right, no matter what nation they come from. This is the same message that God gave to the people of Israel, when he sent Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, to offer peace to them”* (Acts 10:34-36 CEV). What valuable lesson did Peter learn about God’s character?

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Lesson Application 3: As Peter was sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to Cornelius and his household, the Holy Spirit suddenly descended on them. Peter then said to the Jewish believers who were with him, *“Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?”* (Acts 10:47 NLT). God showed Peter that the way in which the Jews treated the Gentiles was prejudiced and unfair. What is the meaning of the word “prejudice?”

Lesson Application 4: Give an example of prejudice. Describe something you saw or heard about that would be considered prejudicial behavior.

Lesson Application 5: Based on what you read in this lesson, how does God feel about prejudice?

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Lesson Objectives: To understand the following:

- We are to pray and trust God to help us with our problems
- God is not pleased with those who are prideful
- James was the first apostle who was killed because of his faith

Memory Verse: *“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”* (1 Peter 5:6 – 7 NLT)

Prayer: Prayerfully read the opening prayer on page 131 in your study guide.

Vocabulary Words: The words listed below are sequenced in the order in which they appear in your *Big Picture of the Bible* study guide. Highlight or underline each of these words (or a form of the word) in your study guide. Write a short definition for each word. Use the glossary in the back of your study guide or your dictionary as needed. If the word has several different meanings, choose the one that best defines how the word is used in your study guide.

Execution	Nudge	Chaos	Desperately
Negotiate	Settlement	Pride	Goodwill

Reading Assignment: Read pages 149 through 150 in your study guide.

Recommended Bible Reading: Turn to page 150 of your study guide and find the recommended Bible reading. Read these scriptures in your Bible.

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Review Questions: Read each question and then choose the “best” answer (a, b, c, or d) based on the assigned reading from your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Who was the first apostle to be killed because of his faith in Jesus Christ?
 - a) Peter
 - b) John
 - c) James
 - d) Philip

- 2) Herod ordered Peter’s arrest. Who was pleased when this happened?
 - a) Jewish religious leaders.
 - b) Saul (Paul)
 - c) Rhoda
 - d) John Mark

- 3) Who led Peter out of the prison and to safety?
 - a) King Herod Agrippa
 - b) John Mark
 - c) An Angel
 - d) Jesus

- 4) Where did Peter go after his miraculous escape from prison?
 - a) Peter went to the Temple.
 - b) Peter went to the upstairs room in Jerusalem.
 - c) Peter went to his hometown of Bethsaida.
 - d) Peter went to the house of John Mark’s mother.

- 5) Who was so overjoyed to see Peter that she left him standing at the door?
 - a) John Mark’s mother
 - b) Rhoda
 - c) Mary
 - d) Martha

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- 6) Although believers were praying for Peter's release, they did not believe Peter was standing at the door. Who did they think was standing at the door?
 - a) Andrew, Peter's brother
 - b) Peter's twin
 - c) Peter's angel
 - d) Peter's son

- 7) What happened to the guards who were on duty when Peter escaped from prison?
 - a) They were fired and had to find another job.
 - b) They were executed.
 - c) They were banished to the island of Patmos.
 - d) They were sent to Rome.

- 8) A group of people desperately wanted to make peace with Herod because they were dependent on him for their food supplies. Who were these people?
 - a) The people of Tyre and Sidon
 - b) The people of Decapolis
 - c) The people of Samaria
 - d) The people of Galilee

- 9) What did Herod do when the people began shouting out, "It's the voice of a god, not of a man!" (Acts 12:22)?
 - a) Herod told the people that he was a mere human just like them.
 - b) Herod allowed the people to worship him as a god.
 - c) Herod redirected the people's praise to the One True God.
 - d) Herod went to the Temple and began praising the One True God.

- 10) Who arrived in Jerusalem with gifts and offerings from believers in Antioch?
 - a) Peter
 - b) Peter and John
 - c) John Mark
 - d) Barnabas and Saul

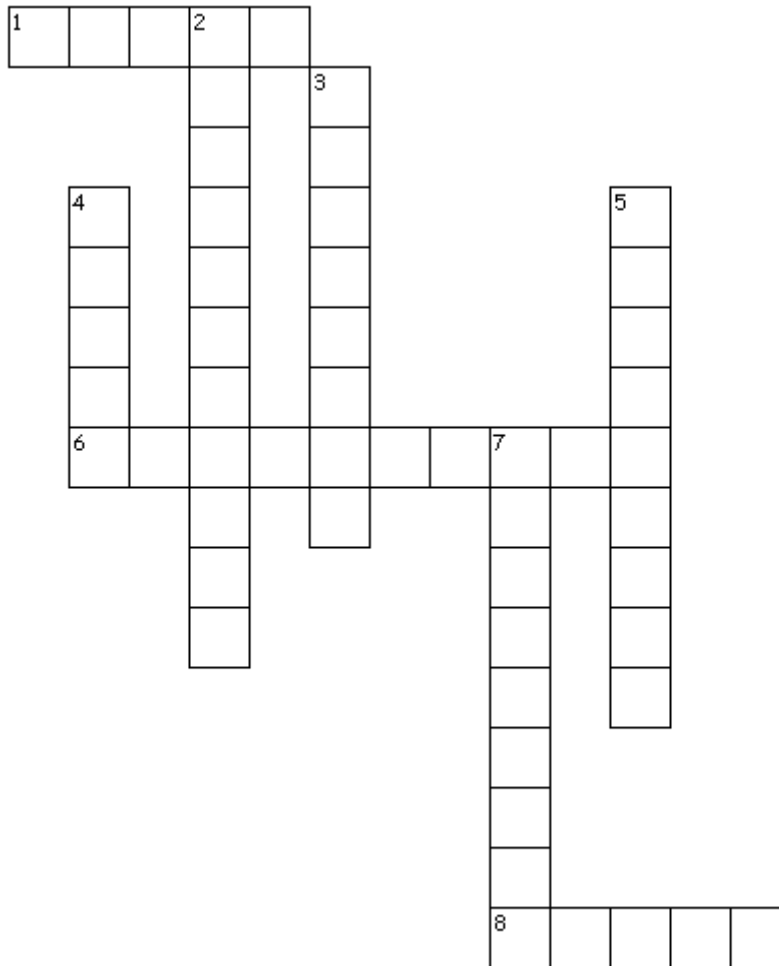
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Inductive Study: Use the table on page 134 in your study guide and the assigned reading for this section to complete the table below. Fill in the answer to each question in the space provided.

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Crossword Puzzle: Use the vocabulary words for this lesson to fill in the answers to the crossword puzzle.



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Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle Clues:

Across

1. Unreasonable high praise of oneself or extreme self-esteem
6. The resolution or outcome of decision-making
8. To touch or push gently so as to get one's attention

Down

2. With great urgency and intense despair
3. A kindly feeling of compassionate support or approval
4. A state of extreme confusion and disorder
5. To discuss the terms of an arrangement
7. The act of putting a condemned person to death

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Lesson Application 1: In this lesson, you learned that John’s brother, James, was the first apostle to be martyred. If you were one of the apostles who had just learned that James had been executed, what would you have done?

Lesson Application 2: When Peter was arrested, believers began praying for his release. Although they were praying for his release, Christ-followers did not believe Peter had escaped when a young girl named Rhoda told them he was standing at the door. Why didn’t they believe Rhoda?

Lesson Application 3: According to Scripture, *“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results”* (James 5:16 NLT). Write your thoughts about what this verse means to you?

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Lesson Application 4: In this lesson, pride led to Herod Agrippa’s downfall. The scriptures below tell us how God feels about pride. Read these scriptures and answer the questions.

“God opposes the proud but favors the humble” (James 4:6 NLT).

“But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted” (Matthew 23:12 NLT).

“He gives proud skeptics a cold shoulder, but if you’re down on your luck, he’s right there to help” (Proverbs 3:34 MSG)

a) What does it mean to be “prideful” or full of “pride?”

b) Based on these scriptures, how does God feel about people who are full of pride?

c) What does it mean to be “humble?”

d) Based on these scriptures, how does God feel about “humble” people?

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Writing Assignment 1: “Pride” is not always wrong. There are two definitions for the word “pride.” One definition describes a feeling of healthy self-respect and self-worth. The other definition describes an unhealthy sense of self-esteem, arrogance, and conceit resulting in a feeling of superiority over others. Demonstrate your understanding of the difference between these two definitions. Use the word “pride” in a sentence that describes healthy self-respect, and in another sentence use the word “pride” in a way that describes unhealthy self-esteem and arrogance.

Date: _____

Sentences Using the Word “Pride”



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Writing Assignment 2: The memory verse for this lesson is printed below. Read it and write your thoughts about what it means to you.

“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”
(1 Peter 5:6 – 7NLT)

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Lesson Application 5: In this and previous lessons, you read how the apostles and other believers established the early church. Fill in the space next to each persons name with something we know about them from Scripture.

	What We Know About the Key People in this Chapter
Peter	
John	
Barnabas	
Stephen	
Philip	
Saul	
Cornelius	

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Review Section

Demonstrate your understanding of the material presented in Chapter 5 of your *Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament* study guide.

- 1) Prayerfully read the meditation scriptures and prayer on page 151 of your study guide.
- 2) Answer the questions listed on pages 152 through 155 in your study guide in the spaces provided in the book.
- 3) Prayerfully read the closing prayer on page 156 in your study guide.

Congratulations!!

You have finished Module 6 of the Big Picture of the Bible—New Testament Lesson Plans.