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**H**ave students write their names on top of page 1. Please turn to page 2. Very briefly review these **three basic needs** on pages 2 and 3: 1. You need to know **who you are**. 2. You need to know that **you are loved**. 3. **You need heaven**.  
The Table of Contents is on page 5. We will be taking one lesson each week.

We have **two goals**: 1. That you may come to know Jesus personally and intimately as your personal Savior. 2. Get to know this church and its pastor.

To this end —

1. **Attend all classes** rain or shine. Use tapes for makeup.
2. **Faithfully do your assignments**: Turn to page 12 and note the ● in front of John 3:16. There will be two or three verses in each lesson marked like this for suggested memorization. Turn to page 15. Follow the Bible reading schedule and read just one chapter a day. Answer the worksheet questions on pages 15 to 17. Try to answer every question. At the start of our next session we will quickly review our answers.
3. **Worship regularly** with us during the course and **attend our adult Bible class** Sunday mornings. This will help you understand what we are studying and what we believe.
4. **Try to be open minded, unbiased, and honest** as you study; this can be difficult because we all carry with us baggage that isn't always correct. Please feel free to ask questions and to make notes in your book as we study.

Let's bow our heads for prayer:

Almighty God, tonight we are gathered together in this room, and we have come to search out the truth of Your Holy Word. We would know Your will for our lives. O God, please help us and bless us. Please send Your Holy Spirit into this room and into every heart. Speak to each of us in this Bible study. Give us faith and give us understanding. Above all, give us repentance over our sin and a genuine faith in Jesus as our personal Savior that we may have and appreciate the full forgiveness of our many sins. When life is over may we join You in Your Home to live with You forever. We pray in the precious and wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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### *Lesson 1*

## **I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU**

# About A God Who Cares For You

### **1. How can we know that there is a God?**

In Genesis Chapter 1 God makes no attempt to prove His existence. He assumes that people naturally know that He exists.

PSALM 119:1 The *heavens* declare the glory of God; the *skies* proclaim the work of His hands.

We spend too much time looking at cement and asphalt. Just look up. The heavenly bodies **shout the glory of God**. They **proclaim His vast wisdom**. Here we see the folly

of atheists who see the heavens and yet say, "There is no God," who see the effect and yet say, "There is no cause" or "It happened all by itself." For the next verse underline all italicized words as we come to them.

ROMANS 1:19-20 What may be known about God is *plain to them*, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world *God's invisible qualities* – His eternal power and divine nature – *have been clearly seen*, being *understood from what has been made*, so that men are *without excuse*.

**God has left imprints of Himself on what He created.** Just a glance at this building tells you that it did not get here by itself. What do you naturally conclude? Someone built it. So also this world. When looking at it you can only conclude that a powerful God made it. **God has made Himself very clear in this world so that men would seek Him and find Him.**

No one will be able to say on Judgment Day, "God, we had no idea that You existed!" There will be no atheists on Judgment Day; there should be none today! The Bible says that on Judgment Day every knee will bow before Jesus. My suggestion to people is to bow willingly before Jesus now so that they will not have to do it unwillingly then. Will you crown Him Lord of lords and King of kings tonight? ***This is the NATURAL KNOWLEDGE of God in contrast to the Bible which is called the REVEALED KNOWLEDGE of God*** (Ask students to write these two down on the bottom of page 7).

ROMANS 2:15 Gentiles show that the *requirements of the law* (what is left of the image of God in the heart of men after the fall into sin in the Garden) *are written on their hearts*, their *consciences* also *bearing witness*, and their thoughts now *accusing*, now even *defending* them.

Above the word "Gentiles" write the word "Unbelievers." Do you have a little voice inside of you that talks to you? When you are tempted to do something bad it says, "Don't you do that." And when you are tempted to do something good what does that voice say? "Yes, that's good — do it!" We call this voice our conscience. It can accuse us or defend us. We call this the remnant of the moral Law originally written in Adam and Eve's heart at creation. They knew this Law perfectly and obeyed it perfectly until the fall. Today, because of sin, it is no longer perfect in our hearts, but a remnant remains. **Our conscience is still to be our guide, but it is no longer a perfect guide.** That is why we go back to the Word of God to clear up this blurred writing.

PSALM 14:1 The *fool* says in his heart, "*There is no God.*" They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

Let's get a quick definition of a fool. A fool is a person who has the capacity to think, to come to objective conclusions, but refuses to listen to those conclusions. A moron, however, does not have the capacity to think and cannot come to proper conclusions.