1: GOD CREATED

Suggested Bible Readings

Genesis 2

- **Psalms 24:1**
- **Psalms 146**
- **Proverbs 14:31**

Discussion Questions

What does the story of creation teach us about our relationship with God and others?

How do we respond to the call to be 'stewards' of creation in a broken world?

How can we help others see the goodness of God in His creation?

2: BLUEPRINT FOR A BETTER WORLD

Suggested Bible Readings

Exodus 20:1–21

- **Exodus 3:7–10**
- **Exodus 4:31**
- **Exodus 22:21–23**

Discussion Questions

Why do the laws God gave the Israelites focus on the most vulnerable?

What does this focus tell us about God?

How would the principles of the 'Year of Jubilee' (see Leviticus 25:8–23) change society if they were applied today?

3: A DAY OF FREEDOM

Suggested Bible Readings

Exodus 20:8–11
Compare Deuteronomy 5:12–15

- **Matthew 12:9–13**
- **Leviticus 25:1–7**

Discussion Questions

What is the purpose of Sabbath?

In what ways should Sabbath keeping make us better, kinder, more caring, and compassionate people?

How can you share the blessing and benefits of Sabbath with others in your community?

4: MERCY AND JUSTICE IN THE PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Suggested Bible Readings

Psalms 82

- **Psalms 101; 146**
- **Proverbs 31:8, 9**

Discussion Questions

The Psalms often express a tension between God's goodness and present hardship. What can we learn from them?

What does Psalm 146 suggest is vital for a close relationship with God?

How could a biblical understanding of justice and fairness change the way you live?

5: THE CRY OF THE PROPHETS

Suggested Bible Readings

Isaiah 1:15–23

- **Micah 6:1–8**
- **Amos 5:10–15, 21–24**

Discussion Questions

Why did God often have to call Israel back to a society of justice and compassion through the prophets?

How do you reconcile God's anger and deep concern for His people expressed in the writings of the prophets?

6: WORSHIP THE CREATOR

Suggested Bible Readings

Isaiah 58

- **Deuteronomy 10:17–22**
- **Matthew 23:1–23**

Discussion Questions

Is it true we become more like what we worship?

What has gone wrong in the relationship between God and His people as described in Isaiah 58?

How does God's vision and passion for the poor and needy, as expressed through the prophets, change how you view the world?

7: JESUS AND THOSE IN NEED

Suggested Bible Readings

Matthew 12:15–21

- **Luke 4:16–21**
- **Mark 11:15–19**

Discussion Questions

Do our churches risk becoming temples that need clearing out?

How so?

What does the plan of salvation teach us about justice and service?

How do we balance the mission of serving the least of these with preaching the three angels messages to a lost world?

8: THE LEAST OF THESE

Suggested Bible Readings

Matthew 25:31–46

- **Luke 10:25–37**
- **Romans 12:20, 21**

Discussion Questions

How do Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46 change the way we see and serve "the least of these'?

What common features do you see in the 9 values described in The Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3–12)?

How can we avoid the trap that thinking because we have 'The Truth' nothing else matters?

9: MINISTRY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

Suggested Bible Readings

Romans 12

- **Acts 9:36–42**
- **James 1:27–2:9**

Discussion Questions

How might applying the principles of the early Christian church change what we do today?

What is the link between the gospel and generous giving?

How, like Dorcas, can you leave a legacy?

10: LIVING THE GOSPEL

Suggested Bible Readings

Ephesians 2:1–10

- **1 John 3:16, 17**
- **Revelation 14:6, 7**

Discussion Questions

How should our attitude toward others and their circumstances change when we recognise them as beings created and loved by God?

What is the relationship between grace and good works?

How can we do good works and share the hope of the gospel effectively?

11: LIVING THE ADVENT HOPE

Suggested Bible Readings

Psalms 94

- **1 Corinthians 15:56–58**
- **Revelation 21:1–5; 22:1–5**

Discussion Questions

How should the hope and promise of Jesus' return impact how we live now, especially in the context of helping those in need?

Why is it difficult to imagine life without suffering or sin?

What hope do you draw from the knowledge that one day the justice we long for will come?

12: TO LOVE MERCY

Suggested Bible Readings

Luke 6:20–31

- **Matthew 6:25–33**
- **James 2:14–20**

Discussion Questions

What role does prayer play in our Christian response to those in need?

What does the Bible teach about generosity beyond giving money?

How can you become a peacemaker and voice for the voiceless today?

13: A COMMUNITY OF SERVANTS

Suggested Bible Readings

Philippians 2:1–18

- **2 Corinthians 2:14–16**
- **Hebrews 10:23–25**

Discussion Questions

What is the witnessing power of good words done by God's people?

In what ways can we encourage others 'toward love and good deeds'?

How might you be able to contribute to some of the justice and poverty projects of the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world?