

Taking a Closer Look

What does the Bible say?

Over the past several studies we have been examining what the Bible teaches about the kingdom of God. In this study we will examine how God rules over his kingdom, guiding his people and providing for their needs.

Knowledge and Power

Look up the following verses and write in your own words what they tell you about God.

1 Samuel 16.7	
1 Chronicles 28.9	
Proverbs 5.21	
Jeremiah 32.17	
Mark 10.27	
1 Corinthians 1.25	

Guidance

Psalms 25.9	
Psalms 32.8	
Isaiah 42.16	
Isaiah 48.17	
John 16.13	
James 1.5	

The God Who Provides

Psalm 34.7	
2 Corinthians 9.8	
Philippians 4.19	
Hebrews 13.5-6	

Thinking it Through

What does the Bible mean?

Servants of the King

Read Luke 12.42-48.

- What two crimes did the derelict servant commit? (verse 45)
- Why did he allow himself permission to do these things?
- What was the punishment for the servant that knew his master's will?
- What was the punishment for the servant that did not know his master's will?

Making it Count

How do I live what I've learned?

As followers of Christ, we serve a God who is all-knowing and all-powerful. It is an awesome thing to consider! At the same time, we serve a God who is *good*. Our God wants us to know his purposes and is ready to guide us and provide us with everything we need to follow him.

- Read 1 Chronicles 28.9 again. What motivates you about this verse?
- Pick a favorite verse from the *Guidance* section on page one. What principles do you see?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9.8 again. What principles can you rely on based on this verse?