

THE STORY OF US

INTRODUCTION

The Story of Us—Part 3

Throughout the pages of the Bible we see God's plan for humanity as revealed from Genesis to Revelation. Join us this summer as we begin our new series, The Story of Us. We will take a journey through the Bible and will learn that God not only created us, but that He wants to spend an eternity with us.

The Bible is God's story. It is also the story of us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you believe the Bible is the Word of God, why do you believe it? What do you think the main theme of the Bible is?
2. Why do you think God created people with a “free will” if he knew they would end up rebelling against him? How would you respond to someone who says God created sin?
3. Read Genesis 4:1-8, Hebrews 11:4; and 1 John 3:11-13. What do you think was wrong with Cain and his sacrifice? Why do you think Cain refused to listen to God?
4. Like Cain, a lot of people try to come to God on their own terms and not God's terms. What is wrong with the idea that people can come to God however they want?
5. How would you explain to someone what they needed to do in order to get right with God? Can you think of any Bible verses to support your answer?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How should we live given the fact that Christ died for us? Practically, what might this look like?
7. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

The Bible can be easily misunderstood, and people can arrive at the wrong conclusions by interpreting it incorrectly. If you only take bits and pieces to form an opinion, you won't really understand that the Bible is one book with one main idea. The Bible was written by 40 authors over 1,600 years, and it is still one book. It is one story with one theme, beginning in Genesis through Revelation.

Everything in the Bible points to Jesus. Specifically, it points to the fact that He died to pay the penalty for the sin of the world. The Bible tells us:

- God created people with the ability to make a choice for or against Him.
- God knew people would choose to disobey Him.
- God was aware that this would eternally ruin the relationship people have with Him.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Ephesians 1:10 (NLT)
1 Peter 1:18-20
Genesis 3:21
Genesis 4:1-8
Exodus 24:5-8
Matthew 26:26-28
Hebrews 11:4
1 John 3:11-13
2 Corinthians 5:14-15