

THE POWER OF STORY AND THE STORY OF GOD

Discussion Questions

- **What is your favorite movie?**
 - Has there ever been a time when a story changed the way you thought about something or someone?
- **What are some of the stories of our world/culture that compete for space in our minds and hearts?**
 - How do those stories influence the values of your Top5?
 - How do those stories influence your values, decisions or actions?
- **Reflect on this statement from The Jesus Storybook Bible – The Bible isn't a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a story.**
 - How would you answer, "What is the story of the Bible?"
- **Read Genesis 1:27**
 - What does it mean that humans are made in the image of God?
 - What does it mean that humans, *male & female*, are made in the image of God?
- **Read Genesis 3:1-7**
 - What irony do you see in this part of the story?
 - What is the lie that the man and woman believed?
- **Read John 1:1-4, 14**
 - What parallels do you see between the creation story and this passage?
 - What is the significance of Jesus "dwelling among us?"
- **Read Revelation 21:1-4**
 - What story is God telling about the new heavens and new earth?
- **Consider the storyline: CREATION >> FALL >> REDEMPTION >> NEW CREATION**
 - How is this Biblical storyline greater than anything else competing for our attention and affection?
- **How does worship re-story us to this gospel storyline?**
 - How have you personally seen singing, prayer, Lord's Supper, giving, or baptism remind you of the story God is telling in the world?
- **Considering the Spiritual Growth Grid and the overarching call to Repent and Believe in the Gospel, what lesser stories do you need to repent of to re-story yourself and believe in the gospel?**