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## Easter 2022: A Better Story

We are all drawn to great stories—whether that's on the big screen, small screen, in a book, or elsewhere. But we may be completely unaware of one simple truth—that our lives are a story. The decisions we make every day shape the plot. The things we do, believe, and trust determines what is written. The story we are scripting could be so much more for many of us if we let God write or even rewrite our story. It's the story we long for, the one our hearts truly desire.

BIG IDEA: To be a part of God's great story, you have to let Him write/rewrite yours.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Did you grow up isolated from people who looked or believed differently than you? What was that like? Later, what books, movies, or experiences shaped your adult understanding of prejudice?
- 2. When you look back on your story, what are some of those standout moments where everything changed for you?
- 3. Read <u>Acts 10:9-23</u>. Given Peter's experience in verses 9-23 and what you see of Cornelius here, how do you think each man was feeling when they greeted each other?
- 4. Read <u>Acts 10:24-33</u>. Jews regarded people like Cornelius as pagans. What would verse 28 mean to Peter? To Cornelius? What is the main point of Peter's sermon?
- 5. <u>Read Acts 10:34-47.</u> Using this story, how would you respond to the question: "Can people who have never heard the gospel be saved?" If yes, why did God send Peter to preach? If not, how do you explain verses 34-35?
- 6. How did God rewrite Peter's Story? How did God rewrite Cornelius' story?
- 7. Where are you in this story? Are you Peter? Are you Cornelius? Surely you know that God is not interested in our empty religion. What are you going to do with that knowledge?
- 8. What would happen if you let God adjust your preconceived notions about other people? What would happen if you let God write/rewrite your story?