

## **Reflecting on The Story of Scripture: Restoration February 3, 2019**

### ***Series Overview***

For our Sunday School discussions, we are using some material from a Bible study titled, *The Story of the World* published by Campus Outreach Raleigh. The full version of this material is available for public use, and you are encouraged to use it for a four-week Bible Study of your own. Please see Pastor Jeremy with any questions, or if you would like more resources.

### ***Introduction to This Week's Study***

Last week, we focused on God's promised work of redemption; that is, in Christ, God brings fallen people back into a relationship with Himself. Jesus took upon Himself the punishment that we deserve, satisfying the Father's wrath and securing our hope of an eternity in God's presence.

This week, we turn our attention to the blessings we enjoy because of our redemption in Christ, including the hope that one day all will be made right by the only God and Savior.

### ***Questions on Restoration***

1. How do we know that Christ will one day make all things right? What specific promises from Scripture encourage you about the future? (Hint: You will want to provide specific Scripture passages in your answer.)

2. C.S. Lewis said, "I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." Can you relate to his words? Would you say that your joy comes primarily from the pleasures of this world or from your relationship with Christ? How is this evident to your friends and family?

(NOTE: This question is admittedly personal. While not everyone will share their answers with a group, you are encouraged to discuss your answer with another believer. Remember, our mission is to see lives transformed, beginning with our own. This rarely happens without accountability.)

3. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul says, our faith is worthless if Christ did not rise from the dead. Why is the resurrection so important to our salvation and hope for the future? (Hint: Paul gives the answer in this passage. You're encouraged to read the whole chapter.)

4. Read the following passages on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives: **John 14:16-17, 26; Romans 6:17-19; 8:8-17; 15:16-18; Galatians 5:16-26.** What encourages you most about the Spirit's presence in your life? What hope does the Spirit's indwelling at present (i.e., today) give you for eternity?

5. The list of promises given in Revelation 21:1-5 are a complete fulfillment of the good news given back in Genesis 3:15. What do you think is the biggest blessing found in these verses? Explain your answer.

***Questions on the Story of Scripture***

6. In this study, we presented the story of Scripture in four main parts. Briefly explain each category below:

**Creation –**

**Fall –**

**Redemption –**

**Restoration –**

7. How has this study impacted the way you view your own life and circumstances? To ask another way, what have you learned about God's plan for *your* story as you have studied *His* story from Scripture?