

Small Group Guide: Understanding the Gospel Story (Week 1)

Key Takeaways

- 1. The gospel is the whole story of the Bible, not just one event.
- 2. God's plan from the beginning was to send a new Adam—Jesus—to restore what was lost in Eden.
- 3. Knowing the full biblical story shows us God's character and our need for redemption.
- 4. Hope in God's promised future gives us strength to keep the faith.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does seeing the gospel as the whole biblical story change how you view your faith?
- 2. Alex said modern Christianity often shares an incomplete gospel. Do you agree? How can we share the full gospel story?
- 3. Why is it important to understand the "beginning" (creation and fall)? How does this shape our view of sin and redemption?
- 4. How does seeing God's character in the "middle" of the story (biblical history) grow your understanding of His mercy and patience?
- 5. Why is hope in the "end" (Christ's return and God's eternal kingdom) vital for daily Christian living?
- 6. Alex compared the gospel to a movie plot that we often cut short. Can you think of other analogies that help explain the full gospel?
- 7. What does living as "image-bearers" mean for our purpose today?