

Celebration of #HISstory!

Review: Why we journeyed through the Story

- The 'gospel' that most people have accepted has determined the kind of disciple they become. This may or may not be an accurate understanding of God's heart and plan.
- Most believers do not know what the Word says about being a follower of Christ.
- So many do not understand the world they live in, so they live without purpose, direction, hope, and confidence.

We now know God has had a plan from beginning to end—God's Upper Story

- 1. God created a perfect world with people made in His image. He made us to be relational like He is.**
 - It was good. There were unbroken relationships. God and man walked together in the garden.
- 2. We were created with a purpose. We were to subdue the world, to reproduce and to obey our Creator.**
- 3. We know perfection was conditioned on our decision to love and obey – to be in relationship with God.**
 - The decision to live life independent of God was made by humans. This revealed the impact of broken relationship between God and mankind, between mankind with each other, and the impact of this decision on all of creation.
- 5. God pursued us as He allowed the world to continue.**
- 6. We know God chose to work through a people. For example, see how he used Abraham and Moses.**
 - Abraham, he used to start a new nation to be set apart for relationship with Himself (**Genesis 15:6; Genesis 22:15**).
 - God showed his covenant – making heart when He gave Moses the Law and Sacrifices.
- 7. Through God's prophets He promised the Messiah –the Son of God would come.**
 - The Messiah would be born of a virgin.
 - He would do miracles.
 - He would die and be raised again.
 - **John 5:45-47** – Jesus' claimed to be the One Moses was pointing towards.

Key terms of the gospel:

- A. The bad news** - Sin equals death (**Romans 6:23**). I am a fallen creature (**Romans 3:23**).
 - B. Grace** –Unmerited favor –peace with God through Christ.
 - C. Faith** –two key components:
 - Belief (trust in) God is able to do what He has promised.
 - Reliance on Him –He died for those who would accept Him.
 - This leads to value and purpose (**2 Corinthians 5:18-21; John 3:16**).
 - This leads to hope (**Romans 4:18-25; Romans 5:1-3; Colossians 1:3-5**).
- 8. We know there will be an end to the earth the way it is now.**
 - There will be a final accounting, a Judgment day (**Revelation 20:11-15**).
 - There will be a new heaven and earth (**Revelation 21:1-4**).

The Gospel question: “How does the gospel apply to my life?”

