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HOW TO CHANGE LIVES INCLUDING YOUR OWN







backstory...

-  colours the way we feel about ourselves
-  influences the way we see God
-  can be complicated
-  is often avoided if painful
-  is often celebrated if joyful

REVIEW CHARACTERS



characters...

-  **Have you played a role positive or negative in someone else's life?**
-  **Never allow a moment to define you, you define your next moment.**
-  **One bad chapter does not define your story.**
-  **My down time is my prep time for my prime time!**

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EXPERIMENTS IN STORY



 **What does it mean for you to trust God to do justice?**

 **Are you an “enemy” in someone else’s life?**

 **Jonathan gave up the throne to David, wow!**

 **What does it mean to be a person “after God’s own heart”?**

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Reflect and Share



Who is your favourite villain of all time?



Why?

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Reflect and Share



Who is your favourite hero of all time?



Why?

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Why do you think we identify with these characters? Any character really?

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What makes a good story?



Characters change over time and events



Transformation

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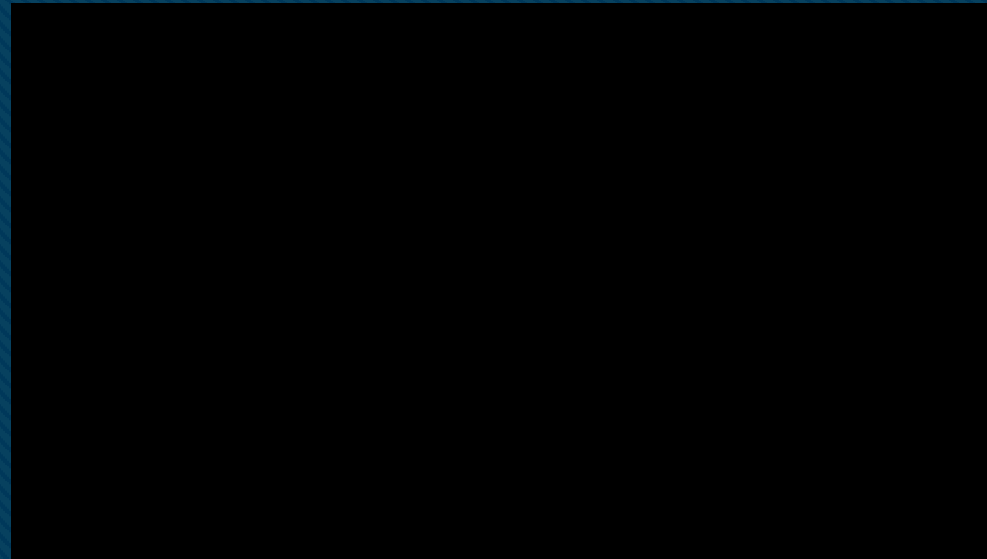
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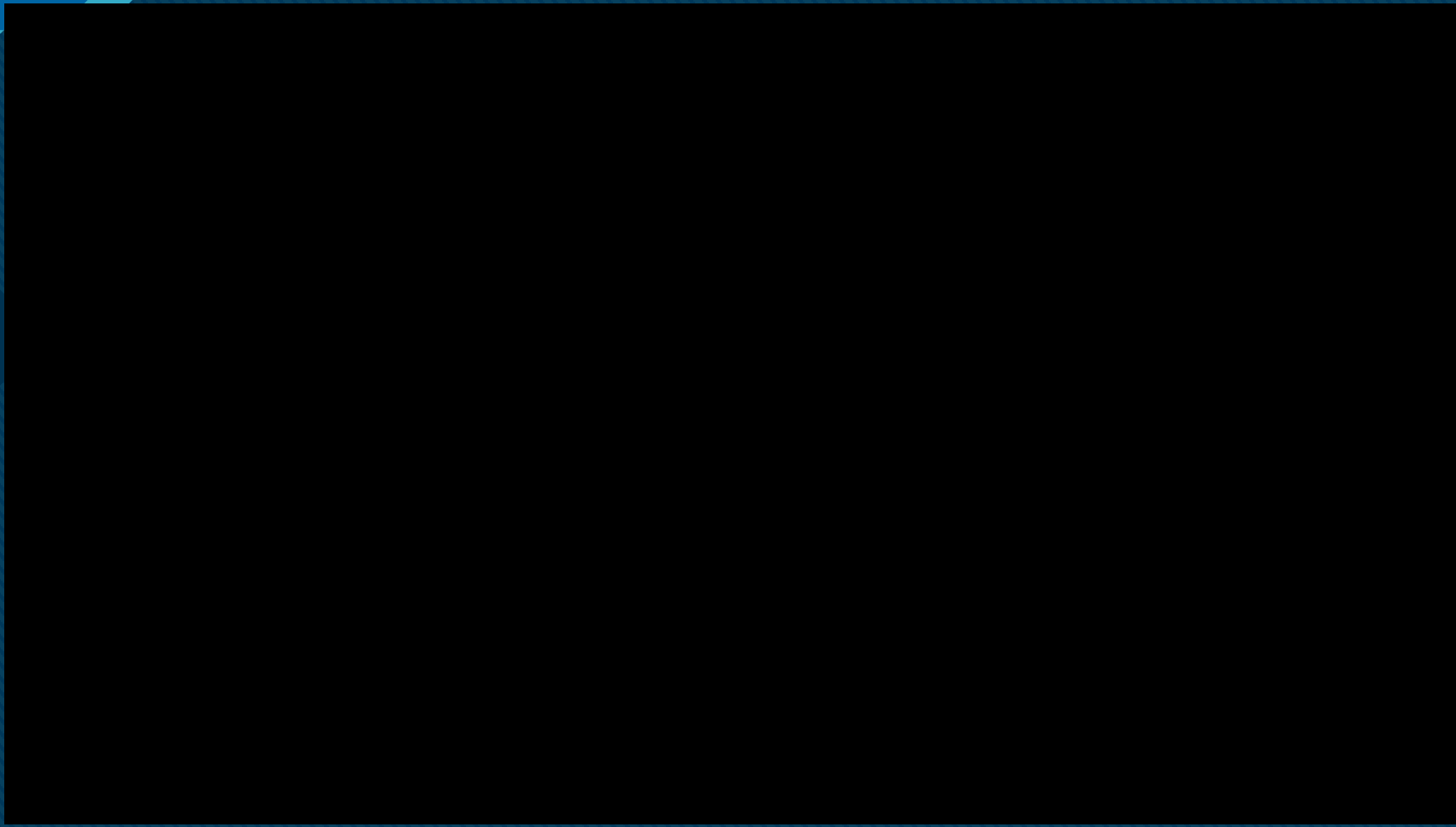
-  **Characters change over time and events**
-  **Transformation**
-  **Growth over time through conflict and challenge**
-  **Conflict drives the plot of our lives**
-  **Our story ends with resurrection and restoration**

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The Life of David

 1 Samuel 16: 6-13

 David anointed King

 High or Low Point in David's Plot?

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The Life of David

 1 Samuel 17: 1-51

 David and Goliath

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The Life of David

 2 Samuel 12: 1-7

 David and Nathan

 High or Low Point in David's Plot?

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The Life of David

 2 Samuel 17: 1-4

 David Pursued by Absalom

 High or Low Point in David's Plot?

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The Life of David



Bathsheba... how does that look and fit in to his overall story.

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Put it into practice!



How hard is it to see the “long view” of our lives? What makes it hard?

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

-  Share a time your life was transformed. Big or small you changed.
-  Have you had any experiences that didn't resolve the way you want them to?
-  Is it hard to believe God is writing your story?
-  What makes a “good life” in your mind?

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