



Journey Group Lesson for “The Story of God” - February 21, 2010

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

What was your favorite story as a child?

Some of our favorite stories begin like this: “Once upon a time” or “A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.” If you were going to write a story, how do you think your story would begin?

Digging Deeper

Read Genesis 1. How does God’s story begin? Why do you think it begins that way?

On Sunday, Greg said that doctrine is not just a list of things that we believe . . . but a story. What do you think about this comment? What do you think Greg meant?

Greg mentioned several characteristics about God we can learn from the creation story. Which of those do you remember? (*Leader help: God is eternal, creator, communicative [He speaks], personal, relational, and love*). Which characteristic means the most to you?

Read Gen 1:26. Notice the passage says, “Let us make man in our image.” God refers to Himself as “us”. What does this tell us about what God is like? (*Leader help: This passage points to the fact that God is one in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Read Matthew 28:19 for an additional verse that tells us about the Trinity. God is relational.*)

God enjoys a relationship with Himself (the Trinity). God is love and relational to His very core. Why do you think God created us? (*Leader help: God created us to share His love with us.*)

Read 1 John 4:9-12. How else did God show His love for us? How do we show our love for God? How is God’s love made complete in us? How and why do you think loving one another demonstrates our love for God?

Bringing It Home

Loving God means loving people. The story of God is made complete as we love others. If it were a crime to love others, would you be convicted? Why or why not?

What would it take for you to grow in your love for God and others in the coming weeks? What are some changes that you need to make in your life right now so that God’s love grows in you?

Homework - Read Genesis 3 and Romans 3 before Sunday Feb 28th. (*Leader help: mention the “Digging Deeper At Home” worksheet*).

How can others in the group pray for you?