

THE RESTORATION: NEW CREATION & OUR PART METANARRATIVE

Week #1: The Beginning: Creation & Purpose

- Big idea: We understand OUR story by first **UNDERSTANDING** the story we were **CREATED** for.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (NLT)

Week #2: The Fracture: Fall & Exile

- Big idea: The story goes **WRONG**, but God doesn't **ABANDON** the story.

Genesis 2:16 But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden - **17** except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." (NLT)

Week #3: The Rescue: Jesus & Redemption

- Big idea: Jesus is not **MERELY PART** of the story; He is the **CENTER** of the story.

John 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He existed in the beginning with God. **3** God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. **4** The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. (NLT)

Big Idea:

The story isn't _____;
and _____ have
a _____ to play in it.

The Introduction

The Conversation

Reminder #1

_____ Your _____!
_____ & _____

Matthew 22:36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" **37** Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **40** The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." (NLT)

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (NLT)

Philippians 2:1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? **2** Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. **3** Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. *(NLT)*

_____ **THE** _____

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *(NLT)*

Reminder #2

_____ **Your** _____!

Judges 17:6 In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. *(NLT)*

Judges 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. *(NLT)*

Judges 4:1 After Ehud's death, the Israelites again did evil in the Lord's sight. *(NLT)*

Judges 3:31 After Ehud, Shamgar son of Anath rescued Israel. He once killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad. *(NLT)*

Judges 5:6 "In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, and in the days of Jael, people avoided the main roads, and travelers stayed on winding pathways. *(NLT)*

_____ **Where You** _____

_____ **What You** _____

_____ **What You** _____

Reminder #3

_____ **Your** _____!

2 Corinthians 3:14 But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. **15** Yes, even today when they read Moses' writings, their hearts are covered with that veil, and they do not understand. **16** But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. *(NLT)*

John 14:21 "Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them." **22** Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?" **23** Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. **24** Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me." (NLT)

1 Timothy 4:11 Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. **12** Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (NLT)

James 3:6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. **7** People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, **8** but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. **9** Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. **10** And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! (NLT)

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. **29** For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (NLT)

1 John 3:2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. (NLT)

Psalms 17:15 Because I am righteous, I will see you. When I awake, I will see you face to face and be satisfied. (NLT)

Proverbs 3:1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. **2** If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. **3** Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. **4** Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. **5** Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6** Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **7** Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. **8** Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones. (NLT)

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. **17** Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. **18** So encourage each other with these words. *(NLT)*

Revelation 21:3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. **4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." **5** And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." **6** And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. **7** All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. *(NLT)*