



PART 3: THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

Sermon Notes

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Intro:

Stories have the power to shape our lives.

The Bible isn't a rule book or text book. The Bible is a piece of art.

The story you live in is the story you live out.

Reading the Bible is an act of counter formation against the false stories of the world.

Luke 24:27 "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

"The Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus" ~the Bible Project

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Jesus is the centre and climax of reality itself.

"All that we call human history--money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery--[is] the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."

~C.S. Lewis

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Romans 1:16

You can have the world, or you can have God's word, but you can't have both.

Conclusion:

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Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Did you participate in "Speak the Word Together?" Those who did, share with the group what that experience was like. What passages did you read? Did you sense the Holy Spirit saying anything to you? How did you feel during your reading? After?
2. Go to this link → <https://bibleproject.com/explore/how-to-read-the-bible/>
 - Click on "[How to Read the Bible: Biblical Story](#)"
 - Discuss the content of this video. Is this how you understand the overall story of the Bible? Did the video say anything interesting, surprising, confusing, enlightening?
3. For your life group meeting this week, you can either a) discuss the study questions below, as normal, or b) do application #1, then discuss the experience. Divide the reading among the group (i.e. take turns reading 5 verses, or a whole chapter, each until you're done).

Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you?
2. Think about some of the secular messages within our culture in terms of a story. What stories are being told in politics right now? What stories are being told about sexuality and race? What stories are being told about technology and advancement? Remember the elements of a story arc:
 - Paradise - disruption by evil forces - a hero emerges - the hero does battle and wins - paradise restored.
 - How does the Bible fit into this structure?

3. Read John 5:39-40; Luke 24:27; Acts 13:27. What do these verses tell us about the content of the Bible? Do you find it easy or hard to see Jesus in the Old Testament? Why?

Application:

1. Take time to read a long portion of the Bible in one sitting. Preferably a whole book. Sometimes only reading small portions of the Bible causes us to miss the bigger picture. Here are some suggestions for reading:
 - Try a smaller New Testament letter, like Colossians, Ephesians, or 1 John. Or a shorter Old Testament book, like Haggai, Nehemiah, Esther, Ruth or Jonah.
 - Read the whole sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7)
 - Read the book of Mark (the shortest Gospel, at 16 chapters)
 - Read the whole story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
2. Visit www.bibleproject.com and view some of the videos.

Prayer: