



VICTORY CHURCH

Big Idea

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This week, The Bible is full of stories of adventure and tragedy, of love and hate, exciting stories and awful stories, heroes and villains, and they all tell one story. It's a story of incredible love that God has for you! It's good news, actually great news! Watch and listen as the greatest story – the Gospel story – is told.

This Gospel story begins with God. A perfect garden. A perfect man and a perfect woman. A serpent. Death. Evil. Flood. Rainbow. God said, "Abraham, sacrifice your son." God said, "Moses, go rescue my people out of Egypt." Passover lamb. Prophecies fulfilled. Crucify him! Lamb of God. "Father, forgive them." Jesus' death and burial. Jesus' resurrection! Pentecost. Holy Spirit! Persecution. Saul. Paul. Good news spreads across the world. New heaven and a new earth. Perfection. Eternity with Jesus or eternity separated from Jesus.

To share the Gospel, we first have to accept the responsibility that we are God's plan for the world to hear the Good News. There is no "Plan B." Next, we need to develop personal relationships with the people we're trying to reach. Then, we need to be ready to share our personal stories so they can understand the hope we have in Jesus. Finally, we need to give them a personal invitation to accept Jesus. This is the Good News people need to know: God loves them and sent His Son to pay for their sins; He can give peace no matter the circumstance; He will give us strength to make it through; He is ready to save us right now! The world is ready to receive the Gospel. Let's be God's messengers and share the Good News!

Discussion Questions

- All What was your reaction to the story that Josh and Jaclyn told? How did it impact you?
- What is the single story of the Bible? Which individual story made an impact on you? Why?
- After reading John 1:1-18 and 3:16-17 what is God's overall plan for man? What was God's cost?
- Which part of the story of the gospel story stood out to you most? Why? Explain how knowing the one big story impacts the way that you read it.
- Perhaps the greatest testimony to the authority of the account of the Bible is our own personal transformation as we apply its truths. Talk about the Biblical truths that have changed you most.

Prayer Focus

Thank God for giving you a flawless, truthful account upon which to build your faith. Make a commitment before Him that you will make the Bible the final authority in your life. Ask Him to help you grow in your love for the Word, learn His Word, and live out its truths every day.

Next Steps

As you read the Word this week, keep in mind the incredible accuracy of the text. Take it to heart, and apply it to your life! It will surely transform you .

Leader Tip

In light of different topics that might arise from this message, be prepared to encourage your group in truth and love. If anyone feels like they need to be pastored through any specific questions or concerns about God's story, reach out to your campus group coordinator for the best next step.