

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Chapter 2

God Builds a Nation

STEP ONE: Tell the Story... Recap what you heard or read this week.

First: Encourage someone who thinks they can recite the main points of the story to do it out loud for the group! This helps you recall the Story

Second: Then take turns, one person at a time, a sentence or two at a time, telling the story again out loud. YES, again! Revisiting God's Story a couple of times allows the Holy Spirit to write it on our hearts, not just in our heads. If someone skips something, feel free to help them, but remember that getting every detail right is not the main goal of storytelling.

STEP TWO: Talk about what you saw in the Story

- 1) **WHO IS GOD?** As God is building Himself a nation and a people, what did you learn about who God is in this story? Don't make any assumptions, share WHO you see God is.
- 2) **WHAT DID GOD DO?** If you didn't touch on it, what did God DO to reveal WHO He is and WHAT He is like? His actions REVEAL His identity.



- 3) **WHO AM I?** Where did you see yourself in this story? What character can you identify with & why? How do you feel identifying with that individual?

- 4) **WHERE IS THE GOSPEL?** Even though this is long before the birth of Jesus, where do you see the presence or promise of the Gospel in this Story? There is a thread all throughout the Bible, that when we tug on it, we find Jesus and the Good News of salvation and peace. Where do we see the "Good News" in this story?

- 5) **SOMETHING NEW?** Did you learn something new through engaging with this story or hearing the message Sunday?

- 6) **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?** Obedience in belief or action to God's leading is the fruit of a disciple. How is God leading you to obey Him in either "believing something you haven't been" or "doing something you haven't been" as a result of your takeaway from this Story?

STEP THREE: Close in Prayer

Share any final insights and then pray together in THREE specific ways.

- A) Thank God for His Story and the insights His Holy Spirit led you to, in your time together.

- B) Pray over each other's "next step" obedience observations: Either **(a)** for faith to consistently BELIEVE something about who God is, **(b)** what He can do, **(c)** about who you truly are or **(d)** the courage to do what the Holy Spirit is calling you to do,

- C) Identify by name, at least one person far from God, that doesn't know Him, and pray that they have the opportunity to hear His Story for them!