24/7 DISCIPLE SERIES

One Big Story

Creation to New Creation

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Bring your Bible and follow along. Scripture is the NIV, written out in full.

1. Opening

Good morning, church, and welcome! Again today there's no sermon. We're opening the Bible together, like a classroom.

Your comments are welcome anytime as we go. If a question comes to mind, write it down and turn it in at the end of class, and we'll take it up next time. Or text or email me anytime.

Today we step back and look at the **whole Bible**. Today's question is: **What is the Bible's one big story, and where do I fit in it?**

Prayer: Father, thank you for writing us into your story. Help us see the whole of it, and show us Jesus at the center. In Jesus Name, amen.

> **READ: Luke 24:27 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** resurrection day. The risen Jesus walks with two discouraged followers on the road to Emmaus.
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> 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

What this means: Jesus read the whole Old Testament as **one story that points to him**.

Why it matters: If we only know scattered Bible stories, we miss the point. When we see the whole story, every part makes more sense, and we see where Jesus fits, and where we fit.

The story has six chapters: **Creation, Fall, Israel, Christ, Church, New Creation.** We'll take them one at a time.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Do I see the Bible as one story?*

2. Creation

Recap: *The Bible is one story with six chapters. Now, chapter one: Creation.*

What happens: God makes the world, and he makes people.

> **READ: Genesis 1:1 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** The Bible's first sentence.
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> 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

> **READ: Genesis 1:27 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** The sixth day of creation.
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> 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

> **READ: Genesis 1:31 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** The end of the sixth day.
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> 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

What it means: The story starts with God, not with us. Everything he made was "very good." And people are made in his **image**. That means we're made to know God, to reflect what he's like, and to care for his world. And in the beginning, God was **with** his people.

Why it matters: Every person you meet is made in God's image. That gives every life worth. And it tells us what we were made for: to know God.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Do I live like I was made to know God?*

3. Fall

Recap: *God made a good world, and people in his image. Now, chapter two: what went wrong.*

What happens: Adam and Eve turned away from God. That's what sin is: turning from God to our own way. And with sin came shame and death. Look what they did next:

> **READ: Genesis 3:8-9 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** Right after Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
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> 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God
> as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and
> they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
> 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

They **hid**. But God came **looking**: "Where are you?" Then God made a promise:

> **READ: Genesis 3:15 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** God speaks to the serpent who tempted Eve.
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> 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and
> between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and
> you will strike his heel."

What it means: Someday a child of the woman would **crush** the serpent's head, though he would be wounded doing it. This is the first promise of **Jesus**. The rescue plan starts the same day as the fall.

Why it matters: This explains what's wrong with the world, and with us. And it shows us God's heart: when we run, he comes looking.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Where am I hiding from God?*

4. Israel

Recap: *We hid from God, but he came looking and promised a Rescuer. Now, chapter three: how God started the rescue.*

What happens: To start the rescue, God chose one man, Abraham, and his family:

> **READ: Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** God calls Abram, later named Abraham, around 2000 BC.
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> 1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your
> people and your father’s household to the land I will show
> you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
> I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will
> bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will
> curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

What it means: God promised to bless Abraham’s family, and through them, to bless “**all peoples on earth**.” That family became the nation of Israel. God rescued them from Egypt, gave them his law, and lived among them. They often failed him, but God kept his promise.

Why it matters: God’s plan was never just for one nation. It was always for the whole world, and that includes us. And the blessing would come through one of Abraham’s descendants: Jesus.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Do I trust God to keep his promises?*

5. Christ

Recap: *God chose Abraham's family to bless the whole world. Now, chapter four: the center of the story.*

What happens: Here is the center of the whole story. Paul sums it up this way:

> **READ: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** Paul reminds the church in Corinth of the gospel, the message "of first importance."
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> 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:
> that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that
> he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according
> to the Scriptures,

What it means: Jesus is the one the story was waiting for. He is the child of the woman who crushes evil. He is the son of Abraham who brings blessing to the whole world. He lived the life we couldn't live, and he died the death we deserved. Then he rose from the dead.

Notice the words "**according to the Scriptures**," twice. The cross and the empty tomb were not plan B. They were the plan all along, promised from Genesis 3 on.

Why it matters: This is the good news, the gospel. Our sin is real, but Jesus paid for it. If you trust him, you are forgiven and brought back to God.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Have I trusted Jesus with my sin?*

6. Church

Recap: *Christ died for our sins and was raised. Now, chapter five: what happened next.*

What happens: After he rose, Jesus gave his followers their mission:

> **READ: Acts 1:8 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** Jesus' last words to his disciples before he returned to heaven.
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> 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

What it means: Jesus sent his Spirit and his people to tell the good news: first in Jerusalem, then farther and farther, "to the ends of the earth." That's how the gospel reached us.

Why it matters: This is the chapter we live in. The church isn't a building. It's God's people, filled with his Spirit, sent to tell others.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Who have I told about Jesus?*

7. New Creation

Recap: *Jesus sends his church to the ends of the earth. Now, the last chapter: how the story ends.*

What happens: Here's how the story ends:

> **READ: Revelation 21:3-5 (NIV)**
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> **Setting:** The Bible's last vision. The apostle John sees the new heaven and new earth.
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> 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look!
> God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will
> dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will
> be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from
> their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying
> or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who
> was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
> Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are
> trustworthy and true."

What it means: Jesus will return and make **everything new**. No more tears, no more death, no more pain. And the story ends where it began: **God living with his people** in a good world. What was lost in the garden is restored.

Why it matters: We know how the story ends. So whatever we face now, we have hope. Pain and death don't get the last word. God does.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *How would knowing the ending change my week?*

8. Tell It in Six Sentences

Recap: *God will make everything new and live with us. Now, let's put the whole story into six sentences.*

Why learn this: If you can tell the story, you can share the gospel. You don't need a script. You need these six sentences.

Count them on your fingers with me. Say them out loud:

God made it good. We broke it. God chose a family. Jesus came to rescue us. He sends us out. He will make it all new.

The Six Chapters

Chapter	What happens	Read
1. Creation	God makes a good world; people in his image.	Genesis 1
2. Fall	We turn from God; he comes looking and promises a Rescuer.	Genesis 3
3. Israel	God chooses Abraham's family to bless the world.	Genesis 12
4. Christ	Jesus dies for our sins and rises again.	Mark 15–16
5. Church	Sent with the good news. We live here.	Acts 1
6. New Creation	God makes everything new and lives with us.	Revelation 21

Say it once more. Then you can add one sentence of your own: "And here's where Jesus met me." That's your story inside God's story.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Who could I tell this story to?*

9. Your Chapter

Recap: *Six sentences, one story. Now, where do you fit?*

We live in chapter five, the Church. We're between Acts 1:8 and Revelation 21. The rescue has happened. The ending is certain. And right now, Jesus is sending us out.

Why it matters: Your life is not a random story. You're part of God's story. Your job, your family, your neighbors in Bay County, are all part of your chapter.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *What is God asking of me in my chapter?*

10. Close

Recap: *We live in chapter five. Now, let's close.*

This week, read one story chapter a day: Genesis 1, Genesis 3, Genesis 12, Mark 15, Mark 16, Acts 1, and Revelation 21. Use these steps: observe, interpret, apply, pray.

Live It explores how this story changes your decisions, your relationships, and your Monday morning.

Prayer: Father, thank you for writing us into your story, and for Jesus at the center of it. Make us faithful in our chapter, and give us courage to tell it. In Jesus Name, amen.

> **QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF**
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> *Which chapter will I read tomorrow?*

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