

# God's Great Plan

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**Sermon in a Sentence:** God's Great Plan is to work alongside His people to see His will accomplished on Earth.

**Summary:** The Bible is an incredible piece of wisdom literature that tells the story in big ways and small ways of God's plan to work with humans to accomplish His will. As we read it we see God working through people to turn chaos into order and to give us a purpose that is above all that we can ask or imagine.

*Leader's Tip: The first couple of weeks are critical for forming relationships. Use Icebreakers or just sit and talk, but make sure there is plenty of time for relationship building.*

**Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):**

- **What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?**
- **What's the worst job you've ever had?**

**Diving In:**

**Read Genesis 1: 1-2**

- **What is nothing? How would the ancient Israelites have understood nothing?** They didn't understand the vacuum of space, so for them they thought of waters (vs2) and saw God bringing order by bringing up land from the ocean.
- **Why did God create the Earth? What was His plan?**

## **Going Deeper:**

*The Bible is the basis for how we understand God and His plan for our lives. Reading the Bible is critical to that understanding. When we read the Bible there is narrative (the story) and meta-narrative (the bigger story of the whole Bible). Like how a TV show might have a story for one episode that also contributes to the bigger plot of the season.*

To help your group develop the skills of seeing the meta-narrative, have them recall some of these stories and see if they can place the different elements. Not all stories have all elements

Watch for the Chaos – Messiah – Eden – Conclusion

Joseph being sold into slavery in Egypt ends up delivering Jacob's family from a devastating famine

Moses is raised up as a deliverer, leads the people from Egypt and through the Red Sea, takes them to Mt Sinai, ultimately disobeys and is kept from the Promised Land

David is anointed king and slays a giant. Helps to bring Israel into a time of peace and prosperity. He sleeps with Bathsheba and has her husband murdered to cover it up.

Jesus comes in the middle of the bigger story. The big picture story of the Bible is that God created the world, created man to work alongside Him, man sinned and broke relationship with God, God raised up a man to take our punishment so we can work alongside God again.

And God wants to take you through your chaos as well.

**How can we pray for you?**