

THE STORY:
A 6-WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

Tracing the meta-narrative of Scripture —
Creation, Humanity, Promise, Jesus, Church,
Restoration

This reading plan is designed to help our church family at Grace Fellowship stay rooted in God’s Word and grow in our walk with Jesus as we journey through The Story — the sweeping metanarrative of Scripture, from Creation to Restoration. Over the next six weeks, you’ll trace this story through the Bible and spend time reflecting on who God is, who we are, and how the Gospel invites us to live differently in light of it.

Each week includes five passages of Scripture, a summary of that movement in the story, and questions built to help you study the text closely — not simply to gain more information, but to see the whole story more clearly and follow Jesus more faithfully within it.

As you read, use the ***Know, Feel, Do*** framework:

KNOW : Understand what the passage teaches about God, Jesus, people, and this part of the Story.

FEEL : Reflect on how the passage challenges, encourages, convicts, or moves your heart.

DO : Identify practical steps of obedience and ways to live out this part of the Story in your everyday life.

Take your time. Pray honestly. Talk about what you’re reading. Most importantly, ask God to use His Word to help you see the whole Story — and your place in it — more clearly. We’re doing this as a church, so invite others from Grace, from your group, or anyone in your life to walk through The Story with you.

Every good story has a beginning, a problem, a rescue, and an ending that makes sense of everything that came before it. The Bible is no different — 66 books, dozens of authors, one story. This plan walks through six movements of that story, one week at a time. Each week gives you five passages and a few questions to help you not just read the Bible, but locate yourself inside it.

KNOW : Understand the truth this passage teaches about God, Jesus, Creation, and the whole Story.

- What does this passage show you about who Jesus really is?
- Where do you see Creation, Church, and Restoration all show up within these six verses?
- What does this passage teach about how Jesus holds the entire Story together, not just one part of it?
- What does this passage reveal about how God intends to reconcile “all things” to Himself?
- What does this passage teach about the relationship between Jesus and the church?

FEEL : Reflect on how the passage affects your heart through conviction, encouragement, worship, or challenge.

- What part of this passage moved you, and why?
- Where do you feel small compared to the scale of what this passage describes?
- What does it stir in you to know that Jesus holds together not just the world, but your own life?
- What lie or small view of Jesus does this passage confront?
- What in this passage makes you want to worship?
- Where do you feel resistance, confusion, or wonder while reading this?

DO : Identify the practical response God is calling you to make.

- What is one area of your life you need to hand back over to Jesus as the one who “holds it together”?
- Who is one person you could share this bigger view of Jesus and His Story with this week?
- How would your priorities shift if you lived like Jesus truly has supremacy over everything, not just certain parts of your life?
- What’s one practical step you can take today to live like a reconciled person, at peace with God and others?
- What is one way you can actively participate in the restoration this passage promises?

PRAY : Spend some time praying through your Know, Feel, and Do insights, and ask God to help you see your everyday life inside His bigger Story.

WEEK 1 : CREATION

Big Idea: *God made a good world on purpose, and placed people at the center of His purposes.*

Readings: Genesis 1:1–2:3 · Genesis 1:26–31 · Psalm 19:1–6 · Colossians 1:15–17 · Job 38:1–11

This Week’s Story: The story opens with a God who speaks order into chaos and calls it good (Genesis 1:1–2:3). At the center of that good world stands humanity, made “in the image of God” (Genesis 1:27), carrying dignity and purpose. Creation keeps preaching long after — “the heavens declare the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1) — and none of it happens apart from Jesus, who holds it all together (Colossians 1:17). When life gets confusing, God’s answer to Job isn’t an explanation but an invitation to stand in the size of what He’s made.

weekly questions:

- As you read through these passages, what words or images keep showing up? What do they reveal about how God relates to what He’s made?
- Compare how Genesis 1, Psalm 19, and Job 38 each describe creation. What does each passage add to your understanding of who God is?
- Colossians 1 says Jesus holds creation together. How does that claim change the way you read Genesis 1 and Psalm 19?

WEEK 2 : HUMANITY

Big Idea: *We were made for relationship and purpose, but sin broke what God made whole.*

Readings: Genesis 2:4–25 · Genesis 3:1–13 · Genesis 3:14–24 · Psalm 8 · Romans 3:21–26

This Week’s Story: Before anything goes wrong, Genesis shows us what “right” looked like — meaningful work, relationship without shame, and walking with God (Genesis 2:4–25). Then one act of distrust unravels everything (Genesis 3:1–13), though even in the wreckage grace shows up, with the first hint of a coming rescue (Genesis 3:15). David marvels that God still crowns humanity with dignity — “what is mankind that you are mindful of them?” (Psalm 8:4). Paul names both halves plainly: “all have sinned” (Romans 3:23), yet “all are justified freely by his grace” (Romans 3:24).

weekly questions:

- Compare Genesis 2 and Genesis 3. What changes in the relationships between God, humanity, and creation once sin enters the picture?
- Where in this week’s passages do you see judgment and grace given at the same time? What does that combination reveal about God’s character?
- Psalm 8 and Romans 3 both describe humanity, but from very different angles. Where do they agree, and where does each add something the other doesn’t?



WEEK 3 : THE PROMISE OF RESCUE

Big Idea: *From the moment things broke, God was already writing the rescue plan.*

Readings: Genesis 12:1–3 · Exodus 12:21–28 · Isaiah 53:4–6 · Jeremiah 31:31–34 · Micah 5:2

This Week’s Story: The rescue plan doesn’t launch with an army — it launches with a promise to one ordinary man, Abram, that “all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” (Genesis 12:3). At the Passover, God rescues His people through a substitute, a lamb whose blood shields them from judgment (Exodus 12:21–28). Isaiah later describes that substitute in detail: a suffering servant “pierced for our transgressions” (Isaiah 53:5). Jeremiah promises the rescue will go deeper than behavior, writing God’s law “on their hearts” (Jeremiah 31:33). And Micah names the overlooked town where the rescuer will arrive (Micah 5:2).

weekly questions:

- Trace the theme of promise through Genesis 12, Isaiah 53, Jeremiah 31, and Micah 5. What common thread ties these passages together across hundreds of years?
- Look at the role of a substitute in Exodus 12 and Isaiah 53. What connections do you see between the Passover lamb and the suffering servant?
- How does the promise in Jeremiah 31 differ from the covenant given at Sinai? What does that difference tell you about the kind of change God intends to bring?



WEEK 4 : JESUS

Big Idea: *Jesus is the promise, kept — God stepping into The Story to rescue it from the inside.*

Readings: John 1:1–14 · Philippians 2:5–11 · Mark 10:32–45
1 Corinthians 15:1–8 · Colossians 2:13–15

This Week’s Story: The rescuer isn’t sent from a distance — “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). The shape of that rescue is stunning: Jesus “made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant” (Philippians 2:7), all the way to a cross. He names His own mission plainly — “to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) — and the story doesn’t end there. Paul lists the resurrection like a legal case (1 Corinthians 15:1–8), and what’s left behind is a public undoing: God “canceled the charge...that stood against us” (Colossians 2:14)

weekly questions:

- Read John 1 and Philippians 2 side by side. How does each passage describe who Jesus is and what He gave up to come?
- Compare Mark 10:45 with Colossians 2:13–15. Together, what do these passages reveal about what Jesus actually accomplished?
- Why do you think Paul lists specific eyewitnesses in 1 Corinthians 15:1–8? What does that detail add to how you read the resurrection?



WEEK 5 : CHURCH

Big Idea: *Jesus didn’t just rescue individuals — He built a family to carry The Story forward.*

Readings: Matthew 16:13–18 · Acts 2:42–47 · 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 · Ephesians 2:19–22 · Ephesians 4:11–16

This Week’s Story: Jesus declares He Himself will build His church, and “the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matthew 16:18). Luke’s snapshot of the earliest church shows devotion to teaching, to each other, to meals, and to prayer (Acts 2:42–47). Paul pictures the church as a body, where “if one part suffers, every part suffers with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26). Once strangers, believers become “members of his household” (Ephesians 2:19), and the point isn’t just gathering — it’s growth, “attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

weekly questions:

- Compare Matthew 16:13–18 with Ephesians 2:19–22. Who is building the church, and what is He building it out of?
- Read Acts 2:42–47 and 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 together. What do they teach about how individual believers relate to the whole church?
- According to Ephesians 4:11–16, what is the church for? How does that purpose compare with what you see happening in Acts 2:42–47?

WEEK 6 : RESTORATION

Big Idea: *The Story doesn’t end in ruin — it ends with the redemption and restoration of all Creation.*

Readings: Romans 8:18–25 · 2 Corinthians 5:17–21
Isaiah 65:17–25 · Revelation 21:1–5 · Revelation 22:1–5

This Week’s Story: All of creation is “groaning” (Romans 8:22), waiting to be set free — and that restoration doesn’t wait for the end of history: “if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Isaiah previews the finished version — no more weeping, even the wolf and the lamb at peace (Isaiah 65:17–25). That healing culminates in a city: “I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:5), death itself undone. The final picture — the tree of life, no more curse, no more night (Revelation 22:1–5) — is everything broken in Genesis 3, completely reversed.

weekly questions:

- Compare Isaiah 65:17–25 with Revelation 21–22. What images or details show up in both passages, written centuries apart?
- Romans 8 says creation itself is “groaning.” Where does that groaning show up — or get resolved — in the other passages this week?
- What’s the relationship between the “new creation” of 2 Corinthians 5:17 and the future restoration described in Revelation 21?
- Is restoration a present reality, a future hope, or both — and how do these passages show that?



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