

Small Group Questions

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Series: His-Story:

Message: "And the Winner Is..."

This series will seek to overview the Bible – all of it! Of course, that means we cannot hit on everything but we will look at the major events in the story of the Bible. More and more, people feel lost in the pages of their Bible. Many people grew up hearing Bible stories. They can often seem random and disconnected. In reality, the Bible tells one story from beginning to end – the story of God's work to redeem broken humanity. Ultimately, it all points to Jesus. His nature, His character and His work on our behalf fulfills all that came before Him and after Him the constant call is to follow Him.

The series goal is to give an introduction to the Bible to the extent that we all feel familiarity with the big parts of God's unfolding work to bring us to Him and journey with Him. As a church, we lean hard into the Bible as our source of truth about God, the world and ourselves. Our hope is that through this series, people will spend more time in God's Word throughout their week, including in their small group. Since we will be covering large sections of the Bible on Sunday, we cannot bring questions across such a large span. Instead, we will zero in on one key passage each week to unpack in our groups.

May God bless your efforts to shepherd the lives of precious people!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What is one of the most beautiful places you've been? What impressed you the most about it?
2. If God became the mayor of your city, how would things be different than they are?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Revelation 21:1-8 and 22:1-6

3. Where will the new age be lived out? What from the passage helps us understand that? (21:1-5)
4. What is the significance of the names ascribed to God, especially for those who overcome and for those who don't? (21:6-8)
5. What features will be found in the New Jerusalem (22:1-6)? Which feature would you like to know about more? Why?
6. What do you feel about the description of what God has prepared for you?
7. What has caused you mourning, crying and pain in the last year? What does it mean to you know that this will pass away?
8. Agree or disagree: "The Bible is a story that has a beginning, a middle and a new beginning."
9. Based on the promise of John's vision in Revelation, should faith turn us inward toward those who already believe or outward to those who yet to believe? Why?