

Romans 12:2b

THE BIBLE tells one unified story across 66 books, hundreds of years, and a variety of authors about God's desire to live IN RELATIONSHIP with his IMAGE BEARERS.



CREATION

Creation establishes GOD'S CHARACTER. (*Psalm 19:1–4a*)

Creation establishes GOD'S AUTHORITY. (*Genesis 2:7, Psalm 24:1–2, John 1:1–5*)

Creation establishes our PURPOSE and VALUE. (*Genesis 1:26–28, Psalm 139:13–14*)

- How would knowing that God's nature is to give generously impact the way you view your money and resources?
- How would knowing everything belongs to the Lord impact the way that you parent your kids?

- How would knowing you are made on purpose with a purpose impact the way you view your life?
- How would knowing every human being is more like God than anything else in all of creation impact the way you see someone living on the street?



The Fall establishes OUR PROBLEM. (*Romans 3:10–18, 23, Genesis 3:9–13*)

The Fall establishes OUR RESPONSIBILITY. (*Romans 5:12*)

The Fall establishes OUR ENEMY. (*1 Peter 5:8, John 10:10*)

- How might understanding that you are in the wrong and there is no one else to blame color your defensiveness when you hurt someone?
- How might understanding that our world and relationships are diseased with sin impact your expectations in relationships?
- How would knowing that your life starts separated from God, the only one who can satisfy you, impact the way you look to the things of this world to satisfy you?





REDEMPTION

Redemption establishes how to be MADE RIGHT.

(Genesis 3:15, Romans 10:9–13, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:25–26)

Redemption establishes how to BE TRANSFORMED.

(Romans 12:2, Ezekiel 36:26–27)

Redemption establishes our invitation to THE MISSION.

(Genesis 22:18, 2 Corinthians 5:14–15, 18–20)

- How would you cling to and seek Jesus daily if you believed that he was the only way to be justified before God and made new?
- How would you rely on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit if you believed he was able to change things in you that by your own willpower you could not change yourself?
- How would you view your relationships with others if you believed that God had rescued you to make his appeal to them through you as his ambassador?





RESTORATION

Restoration establishes our HOPE in a sure future IN CHRIST. (*John 6:37–40*)

Restoration establishes a CERTAIN future for those who REJECT Christ. (*2 Thessalonians 1:6–10*)

Restoration establishes the FULFILLMENT of God's MISSION. (*Revelation 21:1–7*)

- How would a certainty of eternity with God, secured in Christ's work on your behalf, impact your hope and temperament?
- How would knowing that those apart from Christ will be separated from him eternally impact your urgency in reaching the people in your world?
- How would believing that there will be a time for eternity that there is no more weeping and pain impact your experience of pain and loss today?

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