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Keeping the plot of the Bible central in your life
will transform the way you live

1. The plot of the Bible centers around God redeeming
His fallen creation

Key moments in the story of the Bible

- a. God created a world that was "good" and a humanity fashioned in His own image that was "very good."
Genesis 1:27,31
- b. Humanity's first representatives listened to the snake in their garden instead of God and were put out of right relationship with God as a result. **Genesis 2:15-16;3:1,6,23**
- c. In the middle of their judgment, God promised to send a seed of Eve who would be a "snake crusher" but who would, in turn, be bitten by the snake. **Genesis 3:15**
- d. God promised a nation would come from Abraham who would bless all of humanity. **Genesis 22:17-18**
- e. God promised a king from the line of one of Abraham's descendants, Judah, who would lead the nations.
Genesis 49:10
- f. David was the first king in the line of Judah who turned out not to be the snake crusher, but was promised that such a king would come from his family. **1 Chronicles 17:11-14**

- g. Isaiah, the prophet, announced that this king who would come from God would be killed, but, as a result, would have the power to restore others because of His wounds.
Isaiah 53:4-5
- h. Jesus was the fulfillment of all of the former promises made to David, Judah and Abraham and was, ultimately, struck by the snake. *John 19:28-30*
- i. But His death didn't last and He was raised to crush the head of the snake by conquering sin and death.
Luke 24:46-47
- j. Jesus will return to destroy the snake once and for all and will restore the goodness of the garden back to earth.
Revelation 21:1-4

Romans 3:22-26

2. The plot of the Bible is easy to lose when you "major on minors"

All things that are true are true, but not all true things matter as much as others.

3. When you "major on the majors" it changes your perspective and priorities

Live in that "majoring on the majors" attitude that will align your perspective and your priorities every day – not just at the peaks or in the pits – with the heart of God because you will not only know His plot, but you will live according to it.

John 3:16-18

Now What?

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of September 10

Rooted & Reaching: God's Redemptive Plan

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. In our fast-paced lifestyle, Home Groups help us go beyond the flurry of activity to get to the important things in life. They are a place where people come together to do what Jesus said was most important – to love God and one another. Home Groups give us opportunity to love, serve, and strengthen each other to be "Rooted in Jesus and Reaching our World."



Share It

This week we will discuss the plot of the Bible. What are some key events in your own plotline?



Study the Bible

Overview of the plot of the Bible

Read each selection and write a few words in the plot.

1. Genesis 1:27, 31 – Example: God's creation of us was "very good" and very personal
2. Genesis 3:1-7 –
3. Romans 3:23 –

4. John 3:16,17 –
5. Romans 3:24,25 –
6. Ephesians 2:8 –
7. John 14:3 –



Discuss Together

This week's main point is, "Keeping the plot of the Bible central in your life will transform the way you live." What are your thoughts about this statement? How is each part of the plot important?

What happens in life that makes it difficult to keep this central in our lives?

What in our culture makes it difficult to keep the main thing the main thing?

What would help us keep God's plans central?



Pray

- Share one thing for which you would like your group to pray.
- Pray for someone in your world that does not yet know Jesus as Savior.



Apply It This Week

Learn the plotline of the Bible well enough to talk through it. Memorize one verse that is helpful to you. Also, an excellent book to read is *The Story of Reality* by Greg Koukl.