



# God's Story

These notes are designed to be used by Connect Groups who are following the Essential 100 Bible readings

## Purpose

The purpose of the Essential 100 readings, and the sermons that accompany them, is to help us connect with the whole story of God. We are therefore encouraging you to use these very 'open' studies to help us actively engage with the scriptures and apply them to our lives. This will work best if group members make notes during the week and bring them along to discuss.

## Introduction

Remind the group of the stories / chapters that were in this week's reading (or fortnight's if your group meets bi-weekly). Some weeks there will be one overriding story, some weeks there will be more than one story and you can take them one at a time.

Choose from the following questions. Different sets may be useful for different weeks.

## General Questions:

- What is the passage saying?
- What does this passage mean?
- What does this tell me about God?
- What does this tell me about people?
- How should I live my life based on what I have read?

## Deeper Questions:

- What do you think is the key message of this passage?
- What did you learn from this passage?
- Which point in this passage spoke to you the most? How did it affect you?
- Why do you think God included this passage in the Bible? What's the point?
- What was the context? What was going on at the time it was written?
- Is there something in this chapter that surprised you? If so, how were you surprised?
- Are there any verses in this chapter that confuse you?
- Jesus said that the scriptures speak of Him (Luke 24:44). Is there anything in this passage that points towards Jesus?
- In view of what we have read, what changes do you think God would want you to make in your attitude, words, or actions?

## Contemplative Questions:

- What do you think the events (or parable/prophesy etc) meant to the people who were there? How might they have felt?
- What might it mean for us, now?
- Is there anything we should do because of what this shows us?
- Are there any confusing bits we want to discuss or ask someone else about?