

THE STORY



Beginnings - Divine Intervention

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

THE PURPOSE OF HOME GROUPS

THE PURPOSE OF HOME GROUPS:

We exist to help people build full-time relationships with Jesus. We feel that is best done in small, relational environments, where biblical disciples can be made. Home groups are the primary vehicle by which we carry out the vision and mission of Centralia Christian Church.

VISION:

Helping People Build Full-Time Relationships With Jesus.

MISSION:

Creating a Legacy of Strong God-Honoring Families that Impact our Communities.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." - John 15:4

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:37-39

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. - Acts 2:42-47

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RELATIONAL ENVIRONMENT: GROUP GUIDELINES

Setting some basic group guidelines for how we will honor one another in our group discussions is important.

- Ground rules give boundaries for people to operate within.
- They help with the flow and pace of the discussions.
- They help us value one another.
- They help people to be more comfortable sharing deep and meaningful things.

SAFE GROUP: We will strive to create an environment where everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: Let's value one another during the discussions by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Allow a pause in conversation after someone shares. Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

SILENCE: It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for someone to share and for members in the group to process the topic or question being considered.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus. Don't try to solve or fix each other.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or the situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause them to stop sharing. Resist the temptation to rescue people.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

CONFLICT: We will commit to resolve conflict biblically. When conflict or sin issues between group members arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues. The following are a few key Scriptures in this regard (*there are many others*).

- If someone sins against you
Matthew 18:15-20
- Restoring someone in sin
Galatians 6:1-5
- Forgive a sinner
Colossians 3:12-13
- Reconciling differences
Matthew 5:23-24, Matthew 7:1-5

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

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OVERVIEW:

READ, HEAR, DISCUSS, LIVE - discovering your story in God's story. This year, we, as a church family and body are going to be encountering God's heart and story through the tool - *The Story*. *The Story* is an abridged, chronological compilation of the main stories in the Bible which show God's redemptive heart and His interaction with people.

As a congregation; home groups, men's, women's, youth, children's, and as individuals and families - we will all work through God's story together. Imagine the discussions you will get to have as you talk with your family and friends about what God is showing you through His Word. **AND** you will all have read and heard the same story of God. Just imagine how we will help each other live out the truth the Spirit teaches each of us. There is power and transformation as God's Spirit uses God's word to show God's people who God is and how to relate to Him, each other and the world we live in. Imagine growing together to view what is happening in our lives and world from God's perspective. Imagine understanding better how our own story fits into God's story and what our part is in following Jesus and joining His mission as He changes us.

LET'S GET STARTED! Your part in all of this is to engage.

READ the chapter from *The Story*:

Read the chapter before the sermon and before home group. Read *The Story* with your family. We broke it up into a daily reading plan because we want to help each other continue to abide in and follow Jesus daily. If it is helpful to read daily then use it, if it is not helpful then don't, but do **READ** the chapter and Abide in/follow Jesus daily. (An audio version of *The Story* is available at amazon.com)

HEAR the sermon. HEAR the story at home group.

We chose the sections of *The Story* to hear and discuss at home group. We want to help you as families to read, hear, discuss, and live together. We want to help each other grow in following Jesus and being disciple makers of Jesus.

DISCUSS with your Family, Home Group & Friends.

DISCUSS with your family. DISCUSS with your home group, your friends. Share with people you work and play with. Look at the story, understand what it shows about God and His plan. Look at your own lives. Compare with what you have thought about life to what God says about life. This is an exciting journey of learning God's *upper story*, seeing our *lower story*, and letting how we view the world be changed to reflect more how God views the world.

LIVE IT.

Live *The Story* by reflecting on what God reveals to you about Himself and your own heart. Reflect on what God is showing you through *The Story*. Reflect on how that effects relationships in your life. Respond as individuals, families, groups to what God is showing you. Help each other grow and be changed, to live differently, not just know more. Real discipleship happens in relationships. As we are changed by God's Spirit and word we live it out in the midst of relationships and situations. Invite others to join.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

As we go through *The Story* there are a few terms that we will be using that would be good for all of us to start with a similar definition.

UPPER STORY:

The *upper story* is how God is at work bringing about His plan. God's heart and purpose is to have a people who dwell with Him eternally and proclaim Him to the world as they are in relationship with each other. This is the core of His *upper story*.

LOWER STORY:

The *lower story* is how God's plan is being worked out in human history – including the human stories we read in the Bible **AND** in our own lives. The Bible tells of how His *upper story* is worked out in the time and space of human history. This *lower story* gives us guidance and examples as we live our *lower story* in this slice of history.

KNOWING THE UPPER & LOWER STORY:

The grand plan and purposes of God to restore relationship with mankind throughout history, helps us put context to the *lower story* which is filled with details of particular people. These details and particular people, including us, are important, but they fit into a grand *upper story*.

- Who in your life has been the most influential in your spiritual journey? Why?
- Do you have a favorite Bible story or Bible character? What is it about the story or character that most fascinates or resonates with you?
- List a benefit (*or two*) that you expect to personally experience from going through *The Story* this year. How do you think our church as a whole will benefit?

NEXT WEEK'S READING: *The Story*: Ch. 1 / Bible passages: Gen 1-4; 6-9

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THE STORY

CREATION: THE BEGINNING OF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT

[SEPT 20 - SEPT26]



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DURING THE WEEK: Read the chapter during the week before the sermon and home group. Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, prayer and reflection. Below chapter 1 is separated into five days of reading.

Creation	Adam & Eve	Judgment	Eve's Offspring	Flood
Pages 1-4	Pages 4-5	Pages 5-7	Pages 7-9	Pages 9-12

GROUP TIME:

- Opening prayer
- Vision Cast the purpose of home group
- Review group guidelines
- Give any announcements

THE STORY: CHAPTER 1

Bible Passages covered: Genesis 1-4; 6-9

- **Overview:** God created everything to reveal His character and to provide a place where a people special to him can be with him. This is His heart beat and the purpose of His story: to dwell with a people committed to walk with Him. Sin complicated the plan, marred the place, and distorted the people, yet God relentless pursues providing a way for people to dwell with him.

THIS WEEK'S STORY: Genesis Ch.3

- **Set the Scene - Background:** Genesis 1-2

HEAR: Hear the story from God's Word together

- **Tell The Story:** Genesis Ch.3
- **Ask:** Was anything added or left out of the story?
- **Rebuild the passage:** Rebuilding is having the group recreate the passage.

DISCUSS: Discuss the story with your group

[**HEAD** - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.]

- *Even though Adam and Eve had perfect fellowship with Creator God, He gave them freedom to reject Him. What does this say about God and His idea of relationship?*
- *Why is it significant that God created everything and that people are significantly special to Him? How does this impact your view of the world?*
- *How are YOU affected by what was lost in the Garden?*

[**HEART** - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.]

- *Concerning the story we just heard, what does the Holy Spirit have you wrestling with? (Please share at the HEART level...not the HEAD level.)*

LIVE IT: Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, *how it impacts* everyday life and what He is asking you to about it.

[**HANDS** - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.]

- *What is God asking you to do about it? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this?*
- *For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put God more center?*

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Spend some time in prayer focusing on how these passages are impacting you personally.
- Write down group prayer request and praises/celebrations on the following page.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

- *The Story: Ch. 2. / Bible passages: Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11*

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THE STORY

ABRAHAM: GOD BUILDS A NATION



[SEPT 27 -OCT 3]

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DURING THE WEEK: Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, prayer and reflection. Read the chapter before the sermon and home group. Below chapter 2 of *The Story* is separated into five days for daily reading.

The Call	The Proof	The Test	Jacob	Israel
Pages 13-16	Pages 16-18	Pages 18-21	Pages 21-24	Pages 24-27

GROUP TIME:

- Opening prayer
- Vision Cast the purpose of home group
- Review group guidelines
- Give any announcements

THE STORY: CHAPTER 2

Bible Passages covered: Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4, Hebrews 11

- **Recap:** What was the story from last week, and how did it impact the relational spheres of your life in the past week? (*Jesus, Home, Church, World*)
- **Overview:** God has a plan to get His people back. He continues His *upper story* plan and pursuit to restore a people to himself, by intervening in the *lower story* of a man, Abram (name later changed to Abraham). Abraham responds to God out of faith, by believing what God said is true and acting according to it. It is from this faith that God builds the nation and line he promised.

THIS WEEK'S STORY: Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6; 21:1-7

- **Set the Scene - Background:** This week is the story of Abraham. Many things happened in this story that spans over 50 years. We are going to focus on God's promises to Abraham of how Abraham and Sarah's *lower story* fit into God's *upper story* plan.

HEAR: Hear the story from God's Word together

- **Tell The Story:** Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6; 21:1-7
- **Ask:** Was anything added or left out of the story?
- **Rebuild the passage:** Rebuilding is having the group recreate the passage together.

DISCUSS: Discuss the story with your group

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[**HEAD** - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.]

- *What was God's part in His interaction with Abram (Abraham)?*
- *What was Abram's (Abraham's) part in His interaction with God?*
- *How did the call that God gave Abraham and Sarah impact their faith journey?*

[**HEART** - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.]

- *What do you believe is the hope for setting the world right again? How does that impact how you see others?*

LIVE IT: Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, *how it impacts everyday life* and what He is asking you to about it.

[**HANDS** - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.]

- *What step of faith is God calling you to take?*
- *What is God's part and what is your part? What can you do to move forward in this area?*
- *Based on what you read, heard and discussed, What is God showing about Himself, you, your family, your fellow believers, or your part in the world you live in?*
- *What will your 'family time' look like this week?*

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Spend some time in prayer focusing on how these passages are impacting you personally.
- Write down group prayer request and praises/celebrations on the following page.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

- *The Story: Ch. 3 / Bible passages: Genesis 37; 39; 41-48; 50*

Tip: Remember the Family Guide for 'The Story' is a great resource to help your family read, hear, discuss, live 'The Story' together with family time.

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THE STORY

JOSEPH: FROM SLAVE TO DEPUTY PHARAOH

[OCT 4 - OCT 10]



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DURING THE WEEK: Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, prayer and reflection. Read the chapter before the sermon and home group. Below chapter 3 of *The Story* is separated into five suggested daily readings.

Son to Slave	Getting Worse	Dreams Come True	Reveal	God's Plan All Along
Pages 29-30	Pages 31-33	Pages 34-37	Pages 37-40	Pages 40-42

GROUP TIME:

- Opening prayer
- Vision Cast the purpose of home group
- Review group guidelines
- Give any announcements

THE STORY: CHAPTER 3

Bible Passages Covered - Genesis 37; 39; 41-48; 50

- **Recap:** What was the story from last week, and how did it impact the relational spheres of your life in the past week? (*Jesus, Home, Church, World*)
- **Overview:** God works all things out for good. Even in the midst of betrayal and man's failures God is at work bringing about His *upper story* promises even when we don't understand how all the events of the *lower story* fit into His plan.

THIS WEEK'S STORY: Genesis 37; 39-45

- **Set the Scene - Background:** Do a quick recap of what has happened in *The Story* so far.

HEAR: Hear the story from God's Word together

- **Summarize:** Have someone summarize the story of Joseph found in Genesis 37; 39-45
- **Ask:** Was anything added or left out of the story?
- **Rebuild the passage:** As a group rebuild the story of Joseph. Use your Bibles to help.

DISCUSS: Discuss the story with your group

[**HEAD** - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.]

- *If you had been Joseph, what might have been going through your mind as you were taken to Egypt as slave and sent to prison for a crime you did not commit? (lower story)*
- *What do you notice about Joseph? How do you see God working through Joseph's life*

[**HEART** - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.]

- *What do you discover about the upper story and the lower story happening in the same set of events?*
- *What are values that help you navigate through unclear or challenging situations?*
- *Joseph models forgiveness to those who intentionally wronged him. For you, What make forgiveness difficult?*

LIVE IT: Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, *how it impacts everyday life and what He is asking you to about it.*

[**HANDS** - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.]

- *What is a situation you could benefit from seeing both the upper story and the lower story perspective?*
- *Look at Joseph's character traits. How could your work place, home or neighborhood benefit because you, an ambassador of Christ, are there?*
- *Based on what you read, heard and discussed, What is God showing about Himself, you, your family, your fellow believers, or your part in the world you live in?*
- *What will your 'family time' look like this week?*

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Spend some time in prayer focusing on how these passages are impacting you personally.
- Write down group prayer request and praises/celebrations on the following page.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

- *The Story: Ch. 4 / Bible passages: Exodus 1-7; 10-17*

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DURING THE WEEK: Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, prayer and reflection. Read the chapter before the sermon and home group. Below chapter 4 of *The Story* is separated into five suggested daily readings.

Called	Signs & Plagues	Passover	Exodus	Journey
Pages 43-47	Pages 47-50	Pages 50-52	Pages 52-55	Pages 55-57

GROUP TIME:

- Opening prayer
- Vision Cast the purpose of home group
- Review group guidelines
- Give any announcements

THE STORY: CHAPTER 4

Bible Passages Covered - Exodus 1-7; 10-17

- **Recap:** What was the story from last week, and how was it lived out in the relational spheres of your life in the past week? (*Jesus, Home, Church, World*)
- **Overview:** God is in control no matter what the circumstance. He is the ultimate Deliverer. His *upper story* plans don't always make sense in our *lower story* understanding. He sees a bigger picture and has a better purpose. He is faithful to His promises and will deliver but deliverance is not the same as preventing everything difficult. His *upper story* plans include walking with us through difficulties to display what He is like to our own hearts and to others watching.

THIS WEEK'S STORY: Exodus 1-7; 10-17

- **Set the Scene - Background:** Do a quick recap of what has happened in *The Story* so far.

HEAR: Hear the story from God's Word together

- **Summarize:** Have someone summarize the story.
- **Rebuild the passage:** As a group - rebuild the story of Moses and the exodus. Use your Bibles to help as needed.

DISCUSS: Discuss the story with your group

[**HEAD** - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.]

- *In what ways was Moses qualified to lead the people? In what ways did he feel he was not qualified?*
 - *How did Moses handle it? What was God's part? What was Moses' part?*
- *God states over and over in this account that 'Then you will know that I am God...' What do you discover about God as he delivers the people from Egypt?*

[**HEART** - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.]

- *As you look at Moses, what is God revealing about your own heart?*
- *What glimpses or promises from God's upper story plan help you walk through your lower story events with perspective?*
- *What is challenging for you in this season of your life? What is God's part -what is your part?*

LIVE IT: Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, *how it impacts* everyday life and what He is asking you to about it.

[**HANDS** - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.]

- *God was continually giving Moses opportunities to step out of his his 'comfort zone'. What areas in your life is God asking you to step out of your 'comfort zone'?*
- *Based on what you read, heard and discussed, What is God showing about Himself, you, your family, your fellow believers, or your part in the world you live in?*
- *What will your 'family time' look like this week?*

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Spend some time in prayer focusing on how these passages are impacting you personally.
- Write down group prayer request and praises/celebrations on the following page.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

- *The Story: Ch. 5 / Bible passages: Exodus 19-20; 24-25; 32-34; 40*

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NEW COMMANDS AND A NEW COVENANT



[OCT 18 - OCT 24]

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DURING THE WEEK: Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, prayer and reflection. Read the chapter before the sermon and home group. Below chapter 5 of *The Story* is separated into five suggested daily readings.

Kingdom of Priests	New Commands	Covenant	Golden Calf	Merciful God
Pages 59-61	Pages 61-62	Pages 62-64	Pages 64-67	Pages 67-70



GROUP TIME:

- Opening prayer
- Vision Cast the purpose of home group
- Review group guidelines
- Give any announcements

THE STORY: CHAPTER 5

Bible Passages Covered - Exodus 19-20; 24-25; 32-34; 40

- **Recap:** What was the story from last week, and how was it lived out in the relational spheres of your life in the past week? (*Jesus, Home, Church, World*)
- **Overview:** God wants dwell with us so he shows us how to treat Him and each other. At the core of God's *upper story* He is creating a way to restore the relationships between people and Himself and people with each other. He made a covenant and gave a set of commandments to the Israelites to demonstrate the value and priority of these two relationships in the midst of their lower stories. Our *lower story* is connected to His *upper story* because He chooses to dwell with us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S STORY: Exodus 19-20

- **Set the Scene - Background:** Summarize what happened in Exodus 19

HEAR:

 Hear the story from God's Word together

- **Tell The Story:** Exodus 20
- **Ask:** Was anything added or left out of the story?
- **Rebuild the passage:** Rebuilding is having the group recreate the passage together.

DISCUSS: Discuss the story with your group

[**HEAD** - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.]

- *What words come to mind when you think of the 10 commandments?*
- *Consider looking at the 10 Commandments from a relational perspective. How does that perspective change your view of the 10 commandments?*
- *Moses said, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." What does it mean to not be afraid, but to fear God?*

[**HEART** - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.]

- *What about God draws you to him, wanting a relationship with him? What can cause you to pull back from relationship with God?*
- *Consider God's plan for a relationship with Himself and with people. How are these reflected in your values and priorities?*

LIVE IT: Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, *how it impacts everyday life* and what He is asking you to about it.

[**HANDS** - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.]

- *What idols do you deal with that may take precedence over God?*
- *What do you see in this story that will help you in your walk with God?*
- *What changes will you make as a result of what you heard in today's story?*
- *Based on what you read, heard and discussed, What is God showing about Himself, you, your family, your fellow believers, or your part in the world you live in?*
- *What will your 'family time' look like this week?*

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Spend some time in prayer focusing on how these passages are impacting you personally.
- Write down group prayer request and praises/celebrations on the following page.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

- *The Story: Ch. 6 / Bible passages: Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25; 27; Deuteronomy 1-2; 4; 6; 8-9; 29-30; 34*

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WANDERING

[OCT 25 - OCT 31]



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DURING THE WEEK: Make time daily with God to know Him and His heart through time in His Word, prayer and reflection. Read the chapter before the sermon and home group. Below chapter 6 of *The Story* is separated into five suggested daily readings.

Opposition	Rebellion	Next Chance	Moses' Farewell	Choice
Pages 71-64	Pages 74-78	Pages 78-83	Pages 83-85	Pages 85-88

GROUP TIME:

- Opening prayer
- Vision Cast the purpose of home group
- Review group guidelines
- Give any announcements

THE STORY: CHAPTER 6

Bible Passages Covered - Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25; 27; Deuteronomy 1-2; 4; 6; 8-9; 29-30; 34

- **Recap:** What was the story from last week, and how was it lived out in the relational spheres of your life in the past week? (*Jesus, Home, Church, World*)
- **Overview:** God is worthy of our trust even when we don't want to, or when we are afraid, or overwhelmed, or we think we are self-sufficient. When we forget that His *upper story* is at work, and we only think of what we want in our own *lower story*; we begin to wander. The incredible thing is God is available to us in the midst of our consequences. He went with the Israelite nation. He displayed His mighty power in enduring them, guiding, providing water, food, shoes that did not wear out, so that they would know that He was God. He waited and displayed His faithfulness while they wandered, while they experienced the consequences of their distrust and unfaithfulness.

THIS WEEK'S STORY: Numbers 13,14

- **Set the Scene - Background:** This portion of the story is the journey of the Israelites' wandering. It begins with the spies scouting the land, then the Israelites wandering, then concludes with Moses' farewell as he prepared the people to enter the promised land by reminding them what God had taught and done for them.

HEAR: Hear the story from God's Word together

- **Tell The Story:** Numbers 13 and 14 passages
- **Ask:** Was anything added or left out of the story?
- **Rebuild the passage:** Rebuilding is having the group recreate the passage together.

DISCUSS: Discuss the story with your group

[**HEAD** - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.]

- *If you had been one of the twelve spies, how do you think you would have described the Promised Land?*
- *Israel, as a community, chose to believe the perspective of fear from the spies report. What do you think contributed to their consistent lack of faith and trust?*
- *In your mind - who or what determines what is really reality?*

[**HEART** - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.]

- *How does your relationship with God and His upper story impact how you perceive your own circumstances in your lower story?*
- *How does the battle between fear and faith affect you?*

LIVE IT: Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, how it impacts everyday life and what He is asking you to about it.

[**HANDS** - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.]

- *How do you help your family, close friends and fellow followers of Jesus grow in faith and trust? How do they help you?*
- *When you have walked in fear rather than trust, how do you get back on track? What do you need to help you?*
- *Based on what you read, heard and discussed, What is God showing about Himself, you, your family, your fellow believers, or your part in the world you live in?*
- *What will your 'family time' look like this week?*

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Spend some time in prayer focusing on how these passages are impacting you personally.
- Write down group prayer request and praises/celebrations on the following page.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

- *The Story: Ch. 7 Bible passages: Joshua 1-2; 6; 8; 10-11; 23-24*

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