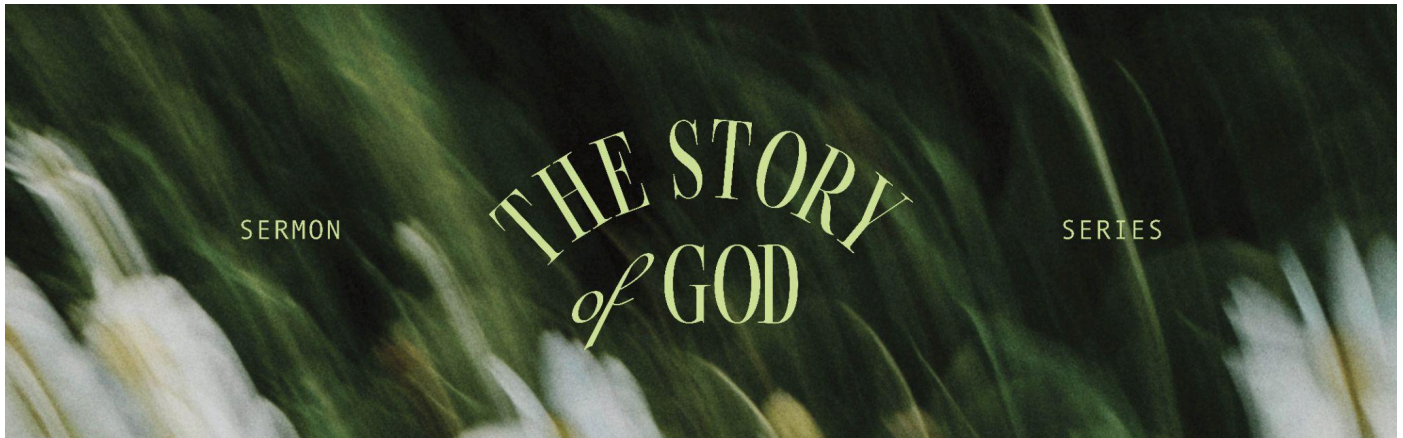




DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE SCRIPT

SPEAKER: Bo Stern Brady

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TEXT(S): 2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Psalm 18:30, Luke 24:27, Matthew 3:15 and 15:16, Mark 7:13, John 5:39-40 and 14:27

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE: *This resource is designed to help you, or your group, step through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. Our goal is to help you better understand and apply B4's teaching.*

MESSAGE SUMMARY + DISCUSSION PROMPTS

The orthodox tenets of our faith form a sturdy and beautiful foundation. They are embedded in a story breathed by God, stretching from the original creation to the new creation. This is the truest story ever told, with Jesus at its center. We find it recorded in Scripture, our plumb line. It is God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit, reliable through centuries of transmission, and revealing Jesus as the heart of God's redemptive plan. The Bible is not a rulebook but a living library that calls us back to truth, shapes our understanding of what is most real and beautiful. It also anchors us in God's authority. Though the Scriptures are complex, they remain miraculous, enduring time, culture, and doubt to keep whispering the story of redemption.

LEAN IN: *These are icebreakers and warm-ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. When you think of your favorite story, book, movie, or true event, what makes it memorable to you?
2. What's one "plumb line" you rely on when your life feels out of alignment?
3. How would you describe the Bible to someone who doesn't know anything about it?
4. When you hear the phrase "the truest story ever told," what emotions or images come to mind?
5. Can you remember a time when a Bible verse or story felt especially alive or timely for you?

LOOK DOWN: *These are questions about the Bible passage(s) from the message. Spend about 15-20 minutes discussing your choice of two or three questions:*

1. In 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Paul says Scripture makes us "wise for salvation." What does wisdom for salvation look like in daily life, not just belief, but practice?
2. If all Scripture is "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16-17), what might that tell us about how we should approach even the confusing or uncomfortable parts of the Bible?
3. Considering 2 Peter 1:20-21, how do you reconcile the Bible being both "human and divine"? What does that tension reveal about how God works through people?
4. What are some "traditions" or assumptions (Mark 7:13) we bring to the Bible that might cause us

to “make void the word of God”?

How can we guard against knowing the Bible well but missing the Person it points to, Jesus Himself?

(John 5:39-40)

LOOK OUT: *These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes discussing your choice of two or three questions:*

1. The Bible was written in ancient cultures with very different values. How can we honor that context while still hearing its voice in our modern world?
2. How does our information-saturated culture shape the way people approach truth compared to how the Bible calls us to see it?
3. In an age of skepticism and misinformation, what makes the Bible’s claim to be reliable truth compelling (or difficult) for people to believe?
4. Pastor Bo said, “Every other story finds its place in this one.” What current stories, like news, movies, or cultural trends, reflect pieces of God’s larger story?
5. The Bible has survived bans, ridicule, and indifference. Why do you think it continues to endure and inspire, even among people who don’t fully believe it?

LOOK IN: *These questions help you consider how to engage the teaching for yourself. Spend about 15-20 minutes discussing your choice of two or three questions:*

1. How can you make your engagement with the Bible less about gathering information and more about entering into God’s story each day?
2. When have you tried to make yourself the “main character” instead of letting God be the center of the story? What shifted when you recognized it?
3. How might your relationship with the Bible change if you approached every part of Scripture as whispering the name of Jesus?
4. When you encounter a difficult passage or disagreement about Scripture, what steps can help you interpret wisely instead of reacting quickly?
5. Pastor Bo said, “The Bible is not a rulebook. It’s a story.” How does that shift your approach to obedience or spiritual growth?

LIVE IT OUT: *These practical action steps help you apply this message to day-to-day life. Choose one prompt and talk it over for 5-10 minutes:*

1. What would it look like this week to let the Bible “call you back” to truth or freedom in a specific area of your life? Be honest, trust God’s Word, and embody its truth.
2. Embrace daily Bible reading during this series as a way of stepping into the story. Consider using the seven-day reading plan you’ll find at the link below. The plan is built around the themes of this week’s message.

You can find more on [our series resources page](#).