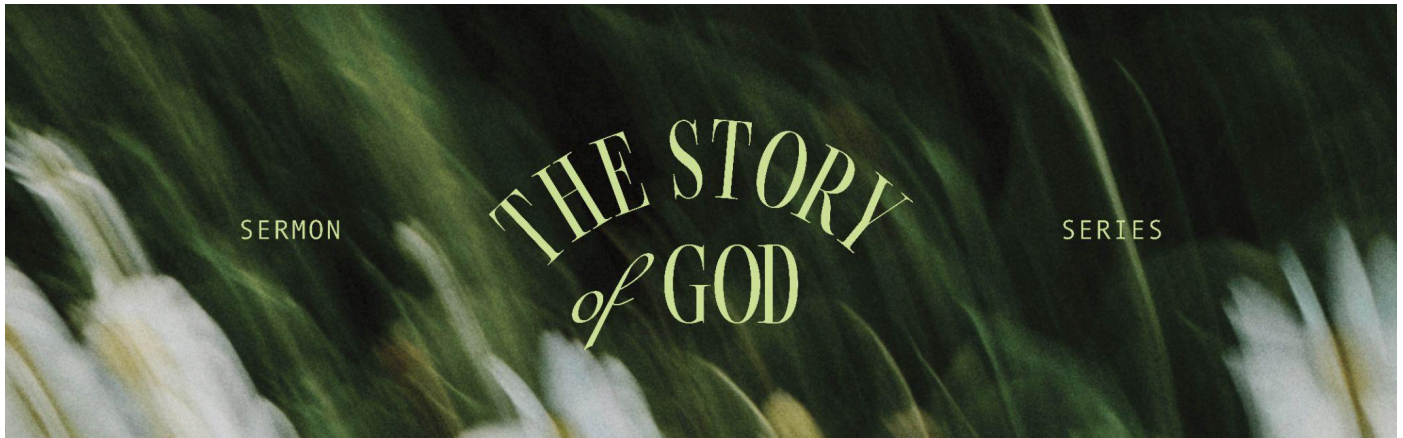




DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE END IS THE BEGINNING

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TEXT(S): Genesis 1:1, Matt. 6:1-2; 9-10; 19-21, John 14:1-7, 2 Cor. 5:1-2, Phil. 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-4, and Rev. 21:1-4; 7:9-10; 22:21

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

Scripture begins with creation and ends with grace, a divine arc revealing God's power and purpose. The end of that story isn't destruction but renewal. Heaven and earth reunited, God dwelling with His people, worship roaring, and all things made right. Jesus teaches us to pray, "...on earth as it is in Heaven," because His resurrection began that process. Heaven isn't clouds and harps but a real, vibrant place filled with life, beauty, and belonging. It's defined by God's presence, populated by every tribe and tongue, and shaped by perfect love and justice. That beauty, Heaven, begins to break out now when we live the way of Jesus, practicing peace, welcoming others, and embodying the life of Heaven. The end of God's story is actually our eternal beginning.

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. What's one ending from a book or movie that completely surprised you, in a good way?
2. What kind of reader are you? Do you peek at a story's ending, or do you let it unfold naturally, and why?
3. When you imagine Heaven, what's the first picture or feeling that comes to mind?
4. What's one thing on earth that already feels a little like Heaven to you?
5. Have you ever had a moment in worship, nature, or in community that made you think, "This is what Heaven must be like"?

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. What do we learn in Genesis 1 about God's character since the Bible begins with creation, not explanation or defense? How might this shape our view of His story as a whole?
2. What do you think Jesus wanted His followers to imagine when they prayed in Matthew 6:9-10? What would it look like for that prayer to be answered in your community?
3. What kind of "treasures" do you think Jesus was talking about in Matthew 6:19-21? How do we actually invest in Heaven while living on earth?

4. How does it strike you that the Bible begins with creation and ends with grace (Revelation 22:21)? What does that say about God's ultimate purpose for humanity?
5. What stands out to you most in this picture of Heaven in Revelation 21:1-4? God's presence, the end of pain, or something else? Why do you think this image is so powerful?

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. In the message, Heaven is described as God's ideal world breaking into ours. Where do you see glimpses of that in everyday life?
2. The Bible shows people longing for peace (shalom). What do you think people today are most longing for, and how is it similar or different from that ancient longing?
3. The idea that "Heaven begins now" suggests that spiritual life affects public life. Where do you see people, of any faith or none, living out Heavenly values in everyday culture?
4. How can the hope of a renewed creation motivate us to care for the environment, our neighbors, or the systems that shape society today?
5. The biblical vision of Heaven is full of meaning, belonging, and purpose. How might that vision speak to the modern experience of disconnection or emptiness?

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. What part of your daily life would you most love to see transformed by "the way of Heaven"?
2. The message said, "Heaven begins now." Can you think of a small way you want to see Heaven begin to show up in your week?
3. What fears or misconceptions about heaven have kept you from longing for it, or from living with heaven's hope today?
4. The message said Heaven is "satisfaction, peace, and adventure." Which of those do you most long for, and how can you begin cultivating it now?
5. What's one habit or practice that helps you stay aware of God's presence, Heaven breaking into your week?

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. Think of one relationship where peace feels fragile. How could you embody a bit of heaven in how you listen, forgive, or speak truth there?
2. Commit to an act of renewal by repairing something broken, reconciling a strained relationship, planting something, or serving someone in a way that restores their dignity.

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