

Sunday Leftovers

The Story

Sermon Title: Where to Begin...

WHAT'S THIS MESSAGE ABOUT?

Have you ever read a verse or a section of the Bible and then put it down because it was so difficult to understand? Or, maybe you wondered how a book, written over a period of six millennia, written by different authors at different times could be compiled into a harmonious and consistent story? This message (and the series) is intended to serve as an introduction to the Bible. Our hope is that, after looking at it as a grand narrative, we'll be able to provide an overview that will inspire you to dig a little deeper into the book that reveals the Living God to us. How can we know Him without knowing what He has said through his faithful servants? Our journey of understanding must begin with Jesus Christ.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *What do you think are some reasons why people are reluctant to read and study the Bible?*
- *What is your favorite "Jesus" story? Why?*
- *Outside of Jesus' birth, crucifixion and resurrection, what did His life teach us about the nature of God?*
- *In what ways does knowing the story of Jesus help us to understand the larger story of God's relationship with His children?*

Do something about it:

Set aside some regular/consistent time each week to sit down and read/study God's word. Start with the Gospels and make a point to dig deeper into the character and mission of Jesus. Write down questions that you might have and intentionally seek opportunities (small group, mentoring relationship, discussions with friends, etc.) where you can talk about and process what you read and discuss the questions you might have.

Digging deeper:

Mark 16:1-9; Luke 4:14-21; John 1:1-14,18; John 14:9 Matthew 21:42; 2 Timothy 3:16; John 21:25; Exodus 34:5-7