

FINDING OURSELVES IN GOD'S STORY

The Cross of Christ

1. "When the story is lost or its plot line mangled, the key facts normally associated with the Christian story – creation, sin, cross, resurrection, grace, forgiveness, heaven and hell – lose their proper meaning." How have we seen or experienced this? And what impact does it have?
2. What role does the cross of Christ play in your life and faith? (feel free to explore this as long as you like - and even to end up in prayer!).
3. What do we lose when we perceive "the essential plot line of the Bible and the gospel is that you and I are sinners, in need of forgiveness, and Jesus has died to forgive us"? What's missing from this, and why does it matter?
4. In his message, Scott referenced the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which says that "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." How does this challenge your view of the Christian life and salvation?
5. How does an understanding of the whole Story impact our view of the Cross?
6. As we walk through this study, is there a song that articulates what you are learning and the response that is growing in you? If so, take a minute to share the lyrics and reflect together on your experience of and hunger for the gospel?
7. In the wisdom of God, Jesus has commanded and invited us to share the Lord's Supper together often. How important is this communal rhythm in your life and faith? What role do you think it has played in the formation and sustenance of your faith? Would you miss it if our church no longer practiced it? Why and how? (Fear not, we are not planning to do away with the Lord's Supper!)

Praying Together

Turn your conversation to God in prayer. Name before God your thankfulness for the cross, and your need to keep it at the center. Invite one another to share any needs or concerns, and pray together for one another.

