

The Big Picture of the Bible

Session 2: The Main Characters of the Bible

Movement #1- Creation and the Fall

- Main Characters:
 1. Adam
 2. Eve
 3. God, Satan
- Where they are found in the Bible: Genesis 3:15, 1 Corinthians 15:22, Romans 5:14, Genesis 2:18, 3:1-17, 3:15
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual Lessons and truths: God gives free choice to all-including freedom to sin. His plan is to redeem us. Satan has already lost the war.

Movement #2- The Flood

- Main Character:
 1. Noah
- Where they are found in the Bible: Genesis 6:22
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: The lone obedient man follows God's plan to start over. Sometimes we will feel like Noah when our journey is lonely. We must persevere like Noah.

Movement #3- The Patriarchs

- Main Characters:
 1. Abraham
 2. Isaac
 3. Jacob
 4. Joseph

- Where they are found in the Bible: Genesis 15:6, Acts 7:2-5, Genesis 17:19, Romans 9:6-8, Hebrews 11:22, Genesis 28:15, Genesis 27:22-29, Genesis 41:38, Genesis 50:15-21
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: God chooses every day people to execute his will for his people. We must be listening carefully. We must stay ready to hear and follow him.

Movement #4- Freedom and Faith

- Main Characters:
 1. Moses
 2. Aaron
 3. Miriam
 4. Joshua

- Where they are found in the Bible: Hebrews 11:4-29, Acts 7:20-44, Exodus 4:13-16, 32:1-6, Exodus 15:20,21, Numbers 27:22,23, Judges 2:6-9
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truth: When we trust God to guide and equip us we will face great challenges and obstacles. He is faithful and worthy of our trust, no matter what comes our way.

Movement #5- The United Kingdom

- Main Characters:
 1. Saul
 2. David
 3. Solomon
- Where they are found in the Bible: 1 Samuel 8:21,22, 15:22-26, 2 Samuel 7:28,29, Acts 13:22, 2 Samuel 12:13, 24:10, Psalm 4:8, 37:11, Nehemiah 13:26, 1 Kings 3:9
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: The Lord will embrace and bless us when we obey and revere him. His mercies are new every morning. Unity makes us stronger.

Movement #6- The Divided Kingdom

- Main Characters:
 1. Jeroboam
 2. Rehoboam
 3. Hezekiah
 4. Josiah
- Where they are found in the Bible: 1 Kings 13:33,34, 2 Chronicles 12:1, 2 Chronicles 29:3-5, 10, 11, 2 Chronicles 33:1-3, 35:1-3
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: When we turn to our flesh and away from God, we will reap the consequences of our sin.

Movement #7- A Remnant, Return, and Restoration

- Main Characters:
 1. Nehemiah
 2. Ezra
- Where they are found in the Bible: Nehemiah 2:18, Ezra 7:10
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: He is always waiting and ready for us to turn to him and obey and follow his path for our lives. His love is inexhaustible; his patience endless.

Movement #8- The Story of Jesus

- Main Characters:
 1. Jesus, John the Baptist
 2. Disciples
- Where they are found in the Bible: Matthew 11:11, Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 4:5
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: He said He would do it, and He honored his prophetic promise. Jesus was the plan, from Genesis 3 to His birth and resurrection. We find our hope and rest in the covenant of grace.

Movement #9- The Church Is Born

- Main Characters:
 1. Peter
 2. Paul
- Where it is found in the Bible: Matthew 16:18, Philippians 1:21-24
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: The church is those who follow Jesus. The community of Christ followers is powerful and life giving. It demonstrates the love of Jesus.

Movement #10- The Church Grows

- Main Characters:
 1. Paul, John
 2. Peter, James
- Where they are found in the Bible: 1 John 2:7-8, Mark 10:35-37
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: The Lord is not willing that one should be lost. The church serves to nourish the Body and draw others to Jesus.

Movement #11- Christ Is Better and Forever

- Main Characters:
 1. John
 2. Jesus (God)
 3. Satan

- Where they are found in the Bible: Psalm 16:10; 22:7-8, 14-17; 41:9; 118:22
- Character strengths and weaknesses:
- Spiritual lessons and truths: Nothing this world offers can touch the beauty and grace of life with Jesus - day in and day out, now and for all eternity.

Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

- What was one character that really jumped out at you in this class?
- What is one event of Biblical history that you want to learn more about (next week)?
- What is one life application you can take from something you learned in this class?