

SESSION 1 LISTENING GUIDE

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

What is it not? It is not *just*:

- a Rulebook for life.
- an Owner's Manual for your life.
- a Devotional Book to inspire or motivate you.

Share with the group:

Tell the story behind a scar that you have on your body.

The Bible is God's Story.

We usually come to the the Bible as a collection of stories.

In the Bible, God is telling us:

- who he is.
- what he does.
- what he is doing.

The story of God is important because we find our stories within the framework of God's story.

The Bible matters so much because within it's pages, the God of the Universe chose to let us in on the story.

When you know the bigger story that you are part of then you can live with more focus, more intensity and more intentionality.

We can go a long time and forget that we are part of a very important story.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Would you say you tend to think of the Bible as a Rulebook, Owner's Manual or Devotional Book? If so, which one? Share an example of how the Bible has been used this way in your life.
- 2) Take a minute or two and write down (individually or as a group) as many individual Bible Stories as you can recall. How many were you able to come up with collectively?
- 3) Can you pinpoint a time in your life that you began to realize that each of the individual stories in the Bible were actually a part of God's Big Story? (it's ok if today is the first time you realized this!)
- 4) Danny tells a story about his experience on a plane. Have you ever found yourself in the middle of a story that nobody else knew anything about? How did it change your decisions, actions, words, priorities, etc?
- 5) Can you see how realizing that your story is actually a smaller story within God's Big Story might change the way you think about your life? Consider your relationships, job, hobbies, free time, etc. What might change if you lived in the realization that your life is part of a very important story?