

COLLEGE PARK CHURCH INSTITUTE

THE STORY CLASS SYLLABUS

OBJECTIVE

CPCi's The Story Class is an eight-session course designed to help believers grow in love for God and his word through biblical theology, discovering the Bible's metanarrative and tracing the progress of the gospel storyline through the major movements of redemptive history and the major genres of Scripture (the Law, the Prophets, the Writings, the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation). The Story Class, in the words of Vaughn Roberts, will help Christians "...to find their way around the Bible and to see how it all holds together and points us to Jesus."

SCHEDULE

- The class consists of eight 90-minute class sessions on Wednesday evenings in the East Room. Each class focuses on an advancement of God's kingdom during a particular period of redemptive history. Childcare is available.

REGISTRATION INFO

- There are two participation levels, an Audit level and a Theologian level.
 - Audit level participants may attend and engage in any of the class discussions according to interest and availability.
 - Theologian level participants intend to attend at least six class sessions and complete all course assignments. Please note we do not audit attendance or grade assignments. At your request, we will give feedback on your assignments. With your permission, we may share your assignments with the class for collective edification.
 - Theologian level participants will receive a free copy of Vaughn Roberts' classic *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible*.
 - Childcare is available for Theologian level participants - please register your children in advance as part of the process at the link below.
- All participants, regardless of participation level, are encouraged to register for purposes of headcount. Capacity is limited to 64 people. Please complete a registration form for each person in your household. Kids and teens who are ready for a classroom environment are welcome to register.
- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CLASS FORMAT

- Intro by Class Moderator and sharing of prior week reflection assignments - 10 minutes
- Group pre-lecture discussion questions - 20 minutes
- Teaching on a section of Scripture - 35 minutes
- Panel discussion and/or open Q&A - 25 minutes
- Individual Q&A with class leaders following class time

OTHER RECOMMENDED BIBLICAL THEOLOGY RESOURCES:

- Jim Hamilton: *What is Biblical Theology?*
- Graham Goldsworthy: *Gospel and Kingdom*
- T. Desmond Alexander: *From Eden to the New Jerusalem*
- Greg Beale and Mitchell Kim: *God Dwells Among Us*
- Craig Bartholemew and Michael Goheen: *The Drama of Scripture*
- Stephen Dempster: *Dominion and Dynasty*
- Nicholas G. Piotrowski: *Return from Exile and the Renewal of God's People*

Session:	Class Dates/Times and Leaders:	Topics:	Optional Assignments:
Session 1	<u>Wednesday Sept 23, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Pattern of the Kingdom (Introduction to Biblical Theology; Creation Gen 1-2)	Read: Roberts Introduction and Ch 1 Memorize: Gen 1:1; Gen 1:27 Write: Summarize the significance of the seventh day in Genesis 1 and the development of this theme of "rest" in Scripture. How does this change your perspective on a current issue or problem in your own life? (250 words)
Session 2	<u>Wednesday Sept 30, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Perished Kingdom (the Fall and its effects in Gen 3-11)	Read: Roberts Ch 2 Memorize: Gen 3:15 Write: A lament prayer to God over sin (in your life or in the world) using the turn-complain-ask-trust format. Express hope in a specific glimmer of grace from Gen 1-11 (250 words)
Session 3	<u>Wednesday Oct 7, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Promised Kingdom (the Protoevangelium Gen 3:15; Abrahamic Covenant Gen 12, 15-18; Gal 3:6-14)	Read: Roberts Ch 3 Memorize: Gen 12:2-3 Write: Praise God for the way he fulfilled his promises to Abraham. Thank God for his faithfulness to a promise fulfilled in your own life (250 words)
Session 4	<u>Wednesday Oct 14, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Partial Kingdom Part I (God's people: Gen 12 to Ex 18; God's rule/blessing through the Law: Ex 19 to Leviticus; Mosaic Covenant)	Read: Roberts Ch 4 (first half) Memorize: Ex 19:5-6; The Ten Commandments Song Write: Explain the significance of OT sacrifices in light of Gen 3:21, Hebrews 10:1-18, Rom 12:1, and/or other verses. Write to God about one way he is calling you to

			become a living sacrifice (250 words)
Session 5	<u>Wednesday Oct 21, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Partial Kingdom Part II (God's place: Numbers to Joshua; God's king: Judges to 2 Chron; Davidic Covenant)	Read: Roberts Ch 4 (second half) Memorize: Josh 21:43-44; Judges 21:25; 2 Sam 7:12-13 Write: Suppose an unbelieving friend asks "Why did God command the Israelites to commit genocide in the conquest?" Respond in approximately 250 words.
Session 6	<u>Wednesday Oct 28, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Prophesied Kingdom (Judgment, Exile, & Hope: the prophets promise a new people, in a renewed place, under a new covenant & king who brings great blessings)	Read: Roberts Ch 5 Memorize: Jer 31:33 Write: Jesus is called Immanuel, the Suffering Servant, and the Son of Man. Choose one of these titles and explain its meaning using texts from the OT and NT. Express praise to Jesus for what these names reveal about him (250 words)
Session 7	<u>Wednesday Nov 4, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Present Kingdom (Jesus comes in the Gospels as the new Adam, the new Israel, the new temple, the new covenant, the new king, the new blessing/rest)	Read: Roberts Ch 6 Memorize: Mark 1:14-15; Luke 22:19-20 Write: In Luke 24:25-36, Jesus shows two disciples that his death and resurrection were predicted in the OT. Which OT texts do you think Jesus pointed to and why? Which texts would you use if talking to a seeker? (250 words)
Session 8	<u>Wednesday Nov 11, 6:30pm to 8:00pm</u> Location: College Park Church (East Room)	The Proclaimed and Perfected Kingdom (the Gospel preached and empowered in Acts; the gospel interpreted in the Epistles;	Read: Roberts Ch 7-8, Epilogue Memorize: Acts 1:8; Rev 21:3 Write: Explain the nature of God's kingdom as "already" and "not yet." What implications does this have for your own life? What's one step God is calling you to take to

		restoration completed in Revelation)	advance his kingdom? Ask the Spirit for wisdom and help (250 words)
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The Story Memorized:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

Gen 12:2-3 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Ex 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Joshua 21:43-44 Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers.

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

2 Sam 7:12-13 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Mark 1:14-15 Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Luke 22:19-20 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."