

How to Use These Guides

For each chapter of parts IV and V, we have designed these leader guides to help you think through how to lead your group time. The sheets will include the following sections and they are explained below:

Coaching Conversations:

Each week we will give you some practical suggestions on how to continue to be a relational and intentional leader. These suggestions will sometimes relate to the material covered that week; sometimes it will not. As we have said from the start, always remember to **teach what you learn** and to **share life, not just information**.

How HIS-story becomes My Story:

This section will help you as a leader identify what we really want your group members to take away from each week's study: that we fit into God's story of redemption. While every group will have very different discussions, we want to help you and your group members see how the Biblical story relates to our own personal story. The following three points will help you identify the main point of the chapter and focus God's story into our own lives:

GOD'S STORY - How this section of Scripture fits into the overall Biblical story.

OUR STORY - What are the implications for humanity, and more specifically believers in Jesus Christ, that this section of Scripture presents?

MY STORY - How does this section of Scripture impact me personally as a follower of Christ?

Starting the Conversation:

This is a quick suggestion on how to begin your group time this week. The aim is to connect this week's discussion to what your group discussed the previous week.

Additional Recommended Resources:

We'll include a few articles or resources that will help clarify any of the challenging topics or questions that are brought up in each chapter.

The Goal:

That upon finishing this Bible Overview, group members will have an accurate and informed understanding of how the major parts of the Biblical story covered in multiply, fit into God's overarching plan of redeeming our fallen world.

Chapter 1 – Creation

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Coaching Conversations:

These chapters are more informational than the previous chapters of *multiply*. Therefore, we'd like to remind you to teach from your personal learning, rather than from the information presented in each chapter. The goal in studying this Bible overview is that upon finishing, group members would have an accurate and informed understanding of how the major parts of the Biblical story covered in *multiply*, fit into God's overarching plan of redeeming our fallen world. This understanding is essential to growing as disciples and disciple-makers. The more we see how we fit into His story, the more our lives should change to match that understanding. Some questions you could ask each week to measure your group members understanding might include, "*What did you learn about this section this week that you have never realized?*", or "*How does this section fit into the overall Biblical story?*" Let your group members fill the discussion time with their observations and thoughts and then push them to share how that understanding impacted them over the previous week. Above all, pray week to week that your group members would have an ever-growing view of who God is.

How HIS-story becomes My Story:

GOD'S STORY - God brought everything in creation into existence and His power, ownership and authority are displayed through his act of creating.

OUR STORY - God created and we did not. We are created by God, but unlike anything else in creation, we are created in His image.

MY STORY - As I reflect on these aspects of God's "Godness", I should be humbled at His might, and respond with a deeper sense of devotion and adoration for who He is. My view of God should expand greatly!

Starting the Conversation:

As we begin this overview, ask your group members to share what they think the overall story of the Bible is. This gives you a quick look into how each of your group members view the Bible. Consider having each group member write down what they think the Bible is about before you begin so they can come back and compare their answer once we finish the entire overview.

Additional Recommended Resources:

- "*Why are there two different creation accounts in Genesis 1 & 2?*"
- "*What does it mean the humanity is made in the image of God?*"

Additional articles, resources, and ideas are available online at: www.mbctyson.org/multiplyresources