

# THE PLAN

## 1. The Design (Genesis 1) September 12, 2021

### What Kind of Book is the Bible?

- The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ . (Genesis 1:1, Revelation 22:5)
- The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ .

### The Basics of the Story

- The main character of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Genesis 1:1)
- God has a \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - **Place:** God created a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ full of living things. (1:1-25)
  - **People:** God made \_\_\_\_\_ to live in his world. (1:26)
  - **Purpose:** God made humanity to \_\_\_\_\_ on his \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:26-28)
  - **Presence:** God \_\_\_\_\_ his creation. (Genesis 2:2-3, Psalm 132:7-8, 13-14)

- This design is at the heart of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Deuteronomy 4:37-40)
- This design is at the heart of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 4:17)
- This design is at the heart of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 28:18-20)
- This design is the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation. (Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5)

### The Bible as Your Story

- God made you for a \_\_\_\_\_ —he wants you to be part of his \_\_\_\_\_ .
- God made you for a \_\_\_\_\_ —you're not passing through, you're \_\_\_\_\_ for a reason.
- God made you for his \_\_\_\_\_ —you are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ in relationship with God.
- God made you for a \_\_\_\_\_ —you are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the earth on God's \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Small Group Questions

### 1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- What is your favorite story? Who is the main character, and what is their quest?
- How well do you know the whole story of the Bible? Which sections do you know well? Which sections are hazy?

### 2. Into the Bible (Read Psalm 8)

- Compare this psalm to the creation story in Genesis 1. What words and themes do they have in common?
- Which elements of the Plan do you find in this passage (Place, People, Purpose, Presence)?

- What is the author's reaction to the position God has given to humanity? How does he respond to God? (v. 1 and 9)

### 3. Going Deeper

- How does it change your perspective to think of the Plan as your story?
- What is your "Place?" Where has God put you to build his kingdom? What does it look like to rule on his behalf there (your "purpose")?
- How can you live in God's presence? How do we find God as believers today?

### 4. Prayer

- Pray for each person's "place" and "purpose." Ask God to guide each of you in fulfilling his plan for your lives.