

"The Heart of God's Story"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (September 1, 2013)

Introduction: Have you ever struggled to understand how the various stories in the Bible connect to one another? Have you pondered if these stories hold a common thread? The Bible is loaded with information concerning a wide range of people, but really it is only ONE story. God's story. Your story. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Lower Story

What did Paul say? (**I Timothy 4:13, II Timothy 3:15-17**)

What did Peter say? (**II Peter 1:16-21**)

What has God said? (**Deuteronomy 29:29, Isaiah 55:9**)

II. The Upper Story

Why does God want to get involved? (**I Peter 5:7, Matthew 11:28-30**)

What can we learn from the model prayer? (**Matthew 6:9-13**)

Where else do we hear these things? (**James 4:13-17, Jude 12, Jude 20-25**)

Where did these boys learn this perspective? (**Luke 1:38**)

III. The Interwoven Story

Why is God concerned with the little stuff? (**Matthew 6:9-13**)

How can we see God's handiwork? (**Ephesians 2:10**)

Why did Jesus submit to God's will? (**Matthew 26:36-46**)

What connections can be found? (**Genesis 1:1-3:24, Revelation 20:11-22:5**)

Conclusion: For the next six months, we are going to immerse ourselves into the pages of this great story. You won't want to miss a single class or worship assembly. We are going to study dozens of Bible characters, hundreds of stories, and see limitless application for our own personal lives. It is our prayer that each of us will seek to understand the Bible in a new and inspiring light. We are going to get to the heart of God's story. Our story. The greatest story ever told.