Understanding the Story

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM SEPTEMBER 2013

WEEK 5 NT THEOLOGY

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Gospels:

**MARK**
- Shortest Gospel
- Action packed (immediately 41 times)
- Mark 8:29 is hinge
- Mark 15:39 is thesis
- Son of God has Authority (1:21, 2:10, 4:41)
- Peter’s Gospel

**MATTHEW**
- Written for Jewish people
- Mark + Teaching episodes (i.e. Sermon on the Mount)
- Jesus, the Son of David

**LUKE**
- Two parts: Luke and Acts
- Most extensive
- Emphasis on parables (Luke 15)
- Longest Advent Section
- Jesus, Son of Man

**JOHN**
- Completely different from synoptics
- John 20:31 is thesis
- Interviews (John 3, 4, 5, 13-17)
- Jesus is God (In 1, “I AM” statements)
Acts

Continuation of Luke (Acts 1:1)

Acts 1:8 is theme verse/outline (8:2, 9:31, 12:20)

Pentecost - Holy Spirit power (4:13-14, 31)

Fulfillment of OT hope

Applications

Acts 29

Jesus is center.

Cross is center.

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The role of the church

Jesus working His mission:

Matt. 16:18, Acts 1:1 (body of Christ)

The dwelling place of God

Eph. 2:22, 2 Cor. 6:16

Family of God

1 John 3:1, Col. 1:2

The center is Christ

Isaiah 45 meets Phil 2

Indicative before imperative:

Become who you are

Holiness = Christlikeness

The role of the church

Church is not optional; assumed

I am here for the church.

The church is not here for me.

Eph. 4:16

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Recaps

Goals
1. Get a grasp of the Bible’s storyline and see it throughout
2. Have tools to read whole books of the Bible and handle difficult sections of scripture
3. Equip for the sake mission/passion/devotion.

Recaps

What is God saying to us?

Exegesis vs. Eisegesis

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Tools
1. Prayer
2. Questions
3. Big idea/author’s intent
4. God-centered
5. What’s our role?
6. How does this change the world?

Recaps

- Supernatural self-revelation of his story
- God is faithful. Redemption is his idea.
- YHWH alone is God.
- The church as revelatory agent
  Missional identity
  - You are a sent one (witness vs witnessing)
  - Jesus is center.

Recaps

Being Fluent in the Gospel Story

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The end of the story

Heb. 10:19-22

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