

**The Story of God: The Bible as Narrative**  
**Introduction – The Stories Thesis**  
**Community Life Group Questions**

1. Read Mark 1:14. What does Jesus mean, “The Kingdom of God is at hand?” In the Greek, “at hand” is stated two times. What is Jesus emphasizing? How should this affect our thinking today? What are we waiting for as believers, and what SHOULDN’T we be waiting for? Why does that matter?
  
2. Read Genesis 1:26-31. What words seem to be repeated in this passage about what God has appointed for mankind? Do you think this is still true? In other words, is this still God’s desire and intention? When you hear the word Kingdom then, coupled with God’s expectation of mankind, how should this change how we think and act?
  
3. What is the covenant that we have with God? Where does the pressure lie between us and God with the “covenant” that we share? Read Matthew 26:28. Read Mark 14:24. Read I Cor. 11:23-25.
  
4. We spoke Sunday about the word Glory...that God stakes His reputation on US. Why would God do that? What does this tell you about God? Can you think of examples in the Story where God did this and it worked out? How about examples where it didn’t?