

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

1. We said Sunday that God was and is and always will be for both the Jews AND the Gentiles. Has this been your understanding all along or did you have another understanding? What are some examples from the Old Testament where God shows He was FOR the Gentiles even in the midst of Israel's call? How about examples of where and how you can see that God is FOR Israel in the New Testament?

2. We said Sunday that sin is always moving and growing; sin moves from person to person and ultimately to society in general. Can you think of examples in the Old Testament in particular where this happened beyond the example of Adam and Cain and Noah that was discussed Sunday? What can you glean about sin from these stories?

3. Along this idea of the Oppressed becoming the oppressor, can you think of someone in your life, or better yet a time in YOUR life, when you saw this unfortunately happen; where maybe you received compassion or forgiveness or someone around you did but it was not extended to others as a response?

4. Read Psalm 8 together a couple times. What does this say about you in how God made you? Is this your experience? Why does our "experience" not match the reality of these verses? What would cause us to live in this reality?