

TGN Frequently Asked Questions

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book." - Abraham Lincoln

What is 'The Grand Narrative'?

'The Grand Narrative' (TGN) is, at its core, a 'community read-through -the-Bible program'. The pace of TGN gives a high-altitude perspective of the Text and illuminates how the Bible tells one amazing story of God's love for the men and women He made and the redemptive plan He devised and implemented to win them back after the fall in the Garden of Eden. We read approximately 10 chapters a day, six days a week (Sunday through Friday with Saturday off), completing the entire Bible in a total of 130 days (approx. 19 weeks). Weekly teaching and discussion on Wednesday evenings accompany the readings, guiding you through the Text.

Who is this Bible study for?

TGN is for anyone and everyone who desires a greater understanding of the Biblical Text! It is estimated that only about 10% of professing Christians have ever read through the entire Bible! TGN works quite well for long distance participants, so invite your family, friends and neighbors to participate!

What is the reason for reading the entire Bible in 19 weeks? Isn't that hard to do?

The reason for reading through the Bible at 'TGN pace' is to give the reader an elevated perspective of the grand narrative not seen in longer 'read through the Bible' programs. The view of the Bible from 30,000 feet is an amazing one! While it takes personal discipline to read 10+ chapters a day, 6 days a week, for 19 weeks, **it is very doable!** Many have done it multiple times! If you read along with an audio version of your particular translation, it will take an average of about 50 – 60 minutes a day. While we all have full schedules, we usually find the time to do the things we really want to do. **The keys to completing TGN are to make it a priority and to not get behind!**

What makes TGN so effective and different from other 'read the Bible' programs?

In one word, community! All participants read the same portion of the Text each day. It is very encouraging and comforting to know that all other TGN participants are reading the same chapters that you are. We are all in this together! **The Wednesday night meetings are a big part of TGN's effectiveness!** It is where we come together as a

community to: (1) receive quality teaching on a portion of the Text from that week's readings, (2) learn about Biblical history, geography, and Middle Eastern culture, and (3) discuss and ask questions. It is this last part where we 'wrestle with the Text' and learn much from each other as a result.

Is there a registration fee to participate in The Grand Narrative?

No. There is no monetary cost to participate, but registration is required to participate.

Is there anything I should do to prepare for the 2019 edition of 'The Grand Narrative'?

Yes! There is a **recommended reading assignment**. A major reason why many Christians struggle to read through the entire Bible on their own is the Old Testament (OT). It can be confusing, difficult to understand and since we spend about 12 of the 19 weeks reading the OT, it is important to have a solid foundational understanding of it beforehand. The recommended reading, the book '**The Epic of Eden - A Christian Entry into the Old Testament**' by **Sandra Richter**, provides that foundation. It is an excellent book and well worth the read even if you decide not to participate in TGN 2019. It can be purchased at various online booksellers including Amazon and Christianbooks.com.

How many participated in TGN last time and what did they have to say about their experience?

Knollwood had over 65 registrants for the 2015 edition of TGN. Most of them finished the reading program and had great things to say about their experience. A separate testimonial document is available on the www.knoll.org website.

Can I attend Wednesday night meetings if I don't do the readings?

Yes. While we encourage all to read, Wednesday night meetings are open to all. One can still learn much by attending Wednesday nights alone.

Who can I contact for additional information about 'The Grand Narrative'?

You can contact Brian Conaway at sychar4@gmail.com

