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SESSION 1 | Finding Our Place in the Storyline of the Bible

I. INTRO

- A. Salvation through Christ is the only way to become *truly* human.
- B. Humans will never experience *true* life, *true* meaning, *true* fulfillment, or *true* purpose without surrendering their lives to Jesus.
- C. As Christians, being disciples of Jesus Christ defines who we are. By living lives in submission to Christ, we put His image on display for the world to see.
- D. Christianity:
 - 1. Answers life's biggest questions.
 - 2. Imbeds life with eternal significance.
 - 3. Informs us how to live life with proper perspective for God's glory.
 - 4. Equips us to embrace and endure human suffering with hope.

II. CREATION: GENESIS 1-2

- A. Mankind was made in God's image and likeness.
- B. Mankind was created to be in fellowship with God.
- C. Mankind was created to be in fellowship with one another.
- D. Worship, family, fellowship, and work were all a part of God's good design.
- E. Everything God made was good.

III. FALL: GENESIS 3; ROMANS 1:18-25

- A. Mankind marred their representation of God's image.
- B. Mankind compromised their fellowship with God.

- C. Mankind compromised their fellowship with one another.
- D. Worship, family, fellowship, and work were all negatively affected by sin.
- E. God's good creation was corrupted and cursed.

IV. REDEMPTION: JOHN 1:1-14; 3:14-18; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

A. Redemption Accomplished: Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21

B. Redemption Proclaimed: Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

1. The Gospel Christians Proclaim: 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - a. *Two Responses: 2 Corinthians 2:14-16*
 - *Rejection*
 - *Acceptance*
2. The Hope Christians have in Gospel Proclamation:
 - a. *We are Commissioned by the Lord Jesus, Himself: Matthew 28:18-20*
 - b. *We are not alone: John 10:27; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*
 - c. *The Gospel is the power of God for salvation: Romans 1:16-17*
3. The Posture of Christian Witness:
 - a. *Humility: Philippians 2:1-15*
 - b. *Love: John 13:34; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:14*
 - c. *Compassion: Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 19:41-44; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4*
 - d. *Intentionality: Hebrews 10:24; 2 Peter 1:3-8*

V. RESTORATION: REVELATION 21:1-6; 22:1-5