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MODULE 1 | **Jesus & Me**

Leaders Guide

Module Overview

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This module is designed to help you prayerfully proclaim the good news of Jesus to people as you tell them the story of how Jesus met and changed you.

1. Listen and Share
2. People and Prayer
3. Trained and Ready
4. Creation and Identity
5. Fall and Brokenness
6. Redemption and Security
7. Re-creation and Hope
8. Transformation and Change
9. Telling My Story
10. Living My Story

Each session includes these components:

1. **INTRO.** Each session starts with a short training video.
2. **TRAIN.** Build our confidence and competence in evangelism by working through Biblically grounded training material.
3. **SHARE.** Talk through evangelistic opportunities in the past week, whether these are stories of successes, 'fails,' or simply interesting conversations with potential.
4. **PRAY.** Praise God for His love, salvation, and the privilege of evangelism. Ask God to save our family and friends and speak through us to them.
5. **HOMEWORK.** Revisit session content from a different angle to consolidate our learning.

Module Goals

- Learn a gospel framework to help us better understand what God has done for us in Christ.
 - So that we continue to grow closer to God and more willing and able to glorify Him.
- Practice articulating the gospel (= God's story) and how it intersects with our story.
 - So that we can talk with others about Jesus and the difference knowing Him makes.
- Pray for our family and friends who don't know Jesus yet.
 - So that they might share in knowing Jesus with us.

Session 5

Fall and Brokenness

Acknowledging our brokenness. Our sin damages ourselves, others, and the world God made.

Session Introduction

Watch the introduction video for Session 5 and listen to Alec's conversation with his friend about the brokenness of our world. Then, Jakob and Esperanza will give you an introduction to Session 5: Fall and Brokenness.

We are continuing to reflect on the main stages of God's story: Creation, Fall, Redemption and Re-creation. Last session we looked at Creation and what it tells us about who we are. We looked at it from two perspectives:

- 1) God's story and what the Bible says about us and our world, and
- 2) My story, and how we know, experience, and live out these truths in our own life.

We connected Creation with everyday words like identity and purpose. You'll find a summary diagram at the end of the session.

- Share with each other the 'purpose statement' you worked on for your homework.

Train

God's Story: Fall

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Read Genesis 3:1-24 to discover how each of the relationships we identified last session were damaged by human sinfulness.

1. Why did Adam and Eve eat the fruit? (i.e. What was their sin?)
3:1-6
 - *The serpent persuaded them that God was lying to them and keeping good things from them. He invited them to doubt God's goodness.*
 - *The fruit looked good and would make them wise; 'someone told me to eat it'.*
 - *They wanted to make their own decisions about right and wrong. They decided to trust themselves and not God.*
2. How does sin immediately affect their relationship with God and each other? Why? 3:7-13

- *They hid from God and each other. They were afraid of being vulnerable with God and each other because their relationship was broken.*
 - *They blamed each other rather than working together.*
 - *They betrayed God and each other so their relationships become threatening.*
3. Because Adam and Eve rejected the God who gave them life, they now live under the shadow of sin and death (3:14-19). What happens to their relationship with:
- a. God?
 - *They are fearful of and distant from God. (Genesis 2 when God walked with them in the garden.)*
 - *God curses their relationships with each other and the world. Life is characterised by struggle and ends in death. (Genesis 1-2 when blessing and life predominated.)*
 - b. each other?
 - *Working together will be challenging and painful.*
 - *Bringing new life into the world is painful and dangerous.*
 - *There will be a power struggle between them.*
 - c. the world?

The ground will still produce food for them but now it will be difficult and limited.
4. How does God show grace even in the midst of judgement? 3:15, 20-24
- *It's hinted that one of their descendants will eventually crush the snake who tempted them to doubt and disobey God. (This situation of broken relationships and lives will not go on forever.)*
 - *Life still continues, even if it is more challenging.*
 - *God clothes them and prevents them from living eternally under his judgement.*

Read 1 John 1:5-2:2.

5. When you recognise your sinfulness what is the right response?
- *Recognise and confess our sins, so that God can forgive us and cleanse us.*
 - *Having been forgiven, decide again to walk in the light and believe God's truth.*
6. What is wrong with the world?

People trusted themselves instead of God. Being 'in the image of God' was not enough, they wanted to *be* God, and so they rebelled against Him. God treated people with dignity and took their actions seriously.

Rejecting the good and just God who gives life *can* only lead to death. God judged Adam and Eve and we now live in a world that is profoundly broken, marred by sin and death. We are out of sync with God, each other, the world, and even ourselves. The impact of human sinfulness ripples out across all people, in all generations.

My Story: Brokenness – What is wrong with me and the world?

We all live in a world effected by the events of Genesis 3. We all experience the impact of sin and brokenness. We've used the word 'broken' because it is more likely to come up in conversation than 'sin'. Broken also implies that the world is 'not what it was meant to be' and that it needs fixing. God's story tells us that the brokenness people experience flows from human sin and God's judgement.

Choose one of the following questions to reflect on. They are different angles on the topic of Fall and Brokenness. Aim to illustrate you answer with a specific example or story from your life. Spend a couple of minutes making some notes about what to share with the group.

1. When has my sinfulness damaged relationships and contributed to the world's brokenness? How did knowing God's story help me to respond?
2. How does recognising my own brokenness effect the way I treat other broken people? Can I illustrate this with a specific real-life example?
3. How does knowing that the world is 'not what it is meant to be' help me respond to frustration, pain or disappointment? Can I illustrate this with a specific real-life example?
4. What do I find challenging or comforting about knowing that God judges sin? Can I illustrate this with a specific, real-life example?

Share

Today we will share stories about the evangelistic opportunities God gave us this week. Some might seem like successes; others might feel like failures. Some might be interesting conversations we would like to pray about and then pick up again in the future.

- What opportunities has God given you to share Jesus with others this week?
- Which people would you like to share Jesus with next week? When will you talk with them?

Perhaps encourage people to look at their calendar to see who they will be catching up with when. Then pray for their conversations accordingly. Or encourage them to arrange to see/phone a person they want to share Jesus with.

Pray

Read 1 John 1:5-2:2 and use it as basis for your prayer.

In groups of three or four people:

- | Praise God for forgiving and cleansing us through Jesus.
- | Confess your sin and ask God for forgiveness.
- | Ask for opportunities to share your story about the God who mends our brokenness by judging and forgiving sin.
- | Pray for each of the conversations and friends that people shared about earlier.

Homework

A few weeks ago, we watched the Gospel summary 'Key to Christianity'.

→ This week we'll look at another Gospel summary, 'Two ways to Live': twowaystolive.com/

How does it tell the story of:

- Creation and Identity. Who am I?
- Fall and Brokenness. What is wrong with the world?

These are the remaining stages of God's story. We haven't studied them yet, but you're welcome to give them a go!

- Redemption and Security
 - Re-creation and Hope
 - Transformation and life now
1. What do you like about this Gospel summary?
 2. Is there anything you don't understand or have questions about?
 3. Were there any parts of the Gospel summary that particularly resonated with your experience of God? Why?
 4. Choose one of the people you're praying for. Have a guess about how they would answer the question 'what is wrong with the world?'

This week in the group chat:

- *Let people know you're praying for them.*
- *Post the link to the Gospel summary.*
- *Share any stories of conversations.*

Summary Table

Key Concepts and Questions for each gospel theme.

	God's story: How does the Bible answer these questions?	My story: How do I answer these questions? How do my friends answer these questions?
<i>Creation and Identity</i>	<p>What does it mean to be created in God's image?</p> <p>What does God think about us and the world He created?</p>	<p>Who am I? Who are we?</p> <p>What is my purpose?</p> <p>Why do I matter? Why do you matter?</p> <p>How does being created by God bring me joy or rest?</p>
<i>Fall and Brokenness</i>	<p>What is sin and what are its consequences?</p> <p>What went wrong with the world God created?</p>	<p>What is wrong with me (us)?</p> <p>Why is the world so broken?</p> <p>Why can't we fix things?</p> <p>Is God's justice something to look forward to or fear?</p>

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