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MODULE 1 | **Jesus & Me**

**Leaders Guide**

# Module Overview

## MODULE 1 | Jesus & Me

**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 7

## Re-creation and Hope

*Living in hope. God will restore our relationships fully and make everything right in the New Creation.*

### Session Introduction

Watch the introduction video for Session 7 and listen to Helen speak about the hope she has in Christ. Then Jakob and Esperanza will give you an introduction to Session 7: Re-creation and Hope.

We are investigating the four main stages of God's story: Creation, Fall, Redemption and Re-creation. Before we look at the final stage, share with each other the paragraphs you wrote about what Jesus' death on the cross means for you personally.

### Train

#### **God's Story: Re-creation**

This week we look at Re-creation. When we trust that Jesus died for us, our relationship with God is restored. God also promises that Jesus will return to save and to judge, and that when He returns, all our relationships will be restored. God's story is one of hope for God's people.

In the last pages of the Bible, God gives us a picture of life in the New Creation, after Jesus returns to save and judge.

Read Revelation 21:1-8, 22:1-5 to discover what this says about our hope for the future.

Note: The New Testament often refers to Jesus as 'the Lamb of God', who, though His sacrificial death, takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

1. What is there to look forward to in the New Creation?
  - *Peace with God, one another and the world.*
  - *No more death or weeping.*
  - *Closeness with God.*
  - *Thirst is satisfied.*
  - *A new start.*
  - *Safe community.*
  - *Light filled life. No darkness.*
2. What pictures are we given of our relationship with:
  - a. God?
    - *Wedding celebration. God's people are a bride, dressed for the husband = the lamb. (Cf Rev. 19:7).*

- *Closeness. God dwells among his people without needing a temple. (Cf Rev. 21:22)*
- *Satisfied. God completely satisfies every need and want.*
- *Tree of life is again accessible. Eternal.*
- *King and servant. God rules and we serve a good king.*
- *Creator who is source of life and light.*

b. each other?

- *God's people are a new Jerusalem. A thriving city full of people. 22:2*
- *It's a city full of people who can be trusted. They won't harm you. 21:8*
- *People from all the nations will be there. 22:2*

c. the world we will live in?

- *New Creation where there's no curse.*
- *A restored creation to replace the broken creation.*
- *Flourishing and fruitful tree that heals divisions among the nations.*

3. How does this future address the deep longings for identity, healing and security that we discussed in the first three stages of God's story?

- *Picture of a new creation and restored relationships with God, one another and the creation. Genesis 1-2.*
- *Identity. We are God's child, Christ's bride, citizens of the New Jerusalem, God's servants who reigns with Him.*
- *Healing. Death, sickness, pain, sin are no longer present.*
- *Security. We're at peace with God through Christ so there's no need for a temple to mediate God's presence. Judgement has come and gone.*
- *Thirst. Remember the Samaritan woman of John 4.*
- *Light. Remember Paul's testimony and John's comments about God being light.*

4. When you imagine life after Jesus returns, how closely does it correspond to the vision in Revelation 21?

*People often forget about the intimacy with God part and focus on the other aspects of relationship that are healed. But repairing our broken relationship with God is central.*

God promises a future where all things will be restored to a right relationship with God their Creator. Sin and its effects (brokenness, death, pain, fear, and judgement) are gone. Christians wait for the day when

Jesus returns, and we'll experience this new life with God and each other, in all its fullness.

Having this hope ripples out and shapes the decisions we make in our lives.

***My Story: Hope – What hope is there for the future?***

In a world where news stories often focus on looming destruction, people need hope. We need a future that we can dream about, plan for and look forward to. God's story presents us with a beautiful and optimistic future.

How does God's story connect with you personally? Choose one of the following questions to reflect on. Aim to illustrate your 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 knowing Jesus and the future He promises given me hope even though other dreams have disappointed me?
2. Why is the vision of 'world peace' in the New Creation a better, stronger and bigger hope than any other vision of peace offered by the world?
3. How does putting my hope in Jesus' return change the way I make decisions about work or money or relationships or health or ...? What are the 'costs' of doing this and why are they worth it?
4. When I imagine life in the New Creation, what do I look forward to most? Why?

**Share**

Share any stories of evangelistic opportunities in the past week: successes, failures, answered prayers, and interesting conversations. Take brief notes to remind you of what to pray for.

- What opportunities has God given you share Jesus with others this week?
- Remind each other of the five people you're praying for. For one of them, consider how trusting Jesus will give them a better hope for the future than the one they have now.

**Pray**

The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave

us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (NIV)

- | Praise God for a future of perfect relationships with Him and each other, in a world free of sin, suffering and death.
- | Ask God to rescue your family and friends from the coming wrath and for a relationship with Jesus.
- | Ask for opportunities to share your story about the God who offers us a beautiful future.
- | Thank God and pray for the conversations or friends that people shared about earlier.

### **Homework**

→ Watch the Gospel summary '321':  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf94J3xGfOs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf94J3xGfOs)

How does it tell the story of:

- Creation and Identity. Who am I?
  - Fall and Brokenness. What is wrong with the world?
  - Redemption and Security. How can I be safe in a broken world?
  - Re-creation and Hope. What hope is there for the future?
  - Transformation and Change.
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. Would this Gospel presentation be a good 'fit' for any of the friends and family you are praying for?

# Summary Table

**Key Concepts and Questions for each gospel theme.**

	<b>God's story:</b> How does the Bible answer these questions?	<b>My story:</b> How do I answer these questions? How do my friends answer these questions?
<b>Creation and Identity</b>	<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>
<b>Fall and Brokenness</b>	<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>
<b>Redemption and Security</b>	<p>How does Jesus save us?</p> <p>Why does Jesus save us?</p>	<p>How can I be safe in a broken world?</p> <p>Why am I confident God loves me?</p> <p>What does Jesus save me from?</p> <p>What type of life does Jesus save me (us) for?</p>
<b>Re-creation and Hope</b>	<p>What is the New Creation like?</p> <p>Who is in the New Creation?</p>	<p>What hope is there for the future?</p> <p>What does real peace look like?</p> <p>Is hope naïve or necessary?</p> <p>What do I look forward to when Jesus returns?</p>





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