



The REPLY Edition #014

Welcome to The REPLY #014.

This week we conclude our “Stories” theme by looking at the story that overlays every other story - God’s Story!

“Stories: God’s Story” Summary

- Colossians 1:15-23
- It’s all about Jesus - my story, your story, our story and their stories are all about Jesus
- Every story exists because Jesus breathed them into creation, Jesus sustains them with life and purpose, and for Jesus to demonstrate His love and glory
- Jesus is supreme, essential and central to every story... Without Him the story is misguided, misdirected and incomplete
- The more we recognise that the big picture is God’s story, the more meaning and purpose we experience as we participate in the numerous sub-plots to God’s story
- God’s Story has chapters... This chapter = His Kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- Jesus demonstrated and taught what the Kingdom of God is like
 - 1) **Rescue** - Jesus is seeking and saving those who are lost and dying
 - 2) **Redemption** - Jesus’ blood purchases the lives of those who are perishing
 - 3) **Restoration** - Jesus is working to restore all that has been broken through sin
 - 4) **Reconciliation** - Jesus reconciles people to God and one another
 - 5) **Relationship** - we were created for communion and community with God and one another
- Participating in these things taking place make us more alive to God’s Story

Devotions / Discussion Starters

Recommended readings: Colossians 1:15-23

Questions to consider:

- What verse or statement stands out to you in that passage?
- What do you think or understand God’s Story to be?
- What are some of the opportunities you have to participate in God’s Story?
- Take time to think about / share when you really experienced God at work in and through your life.

Prayer Points:

- For the right candidates as we seek to appoint a Next Generations Intern
- For Gospel-opportunities in the lead up to Easter and throughout the "Jesus the Game Changer" series
- For Peter & Julie-Ann Warton as they continue in their preparations to become cross-cultural workers
- For the needs of those in your DNA Group or friendship circles at church