

Ἦγοντο δὲ καὶ ἕτεροι κακοῦργοι δύο σὺν αὐτῷ ἀναιρεθῆναι. Καὶ ὅτε ἦλθον [Father, Forgive Them](#). ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον τὸν καλούμενον Κρανίον, ἐκεῖ ἐσταύρωσαν αὐτὸν καὶ τοὺς κακοῦργους, ὃν μὲν ἐκ δεξιῶν ὃν δὲ ἐξ ἀριστερῶν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἔλεγεν· πάτερ, ἄφες αὐτοῖς, οὐ γὰρ οἶδασιν τί ποιοῦσιν. διαμεριζόμενοι δὲ τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ ἔβαλον κλήρους. Καὶ εἰσθήκει ὁ λαὸς θεωρῶν. ἐξεμυκτήριζον δὲ καὶ οἱ ἄρχοντες λέγοντες· [Today, You Will Be With Me In Paradise](#) ἄλλους ἔσωσεν, σωσάτω ἑαυτὸν, εἰ οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ χριστὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ὁ ἐκλεκτός. ἐνέπαιξαν δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ οἱ στρατιῶται προσερχόμενοι, ὄξος προσφέροντες αὐτῷ καὶ λέγοντες· εἰ σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων, σῶσον σεαυτὸν. [Woman, Behold Your Son](#) ἦν δὲ καὶ ἐπιγραφή ἐπὶ αὐτῷ· ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων οὗτος. Εἷς δὲ τῶν κρεμασθέντων κακοῦργων ἐβλασφήμει αὐτὸν λέγων· οὐχὶ σὺ εἶ ὁ χριστός; σῶσον σεαυτὸν καὶ ἡμᾶς. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἕτερος ἐπιτιμῶν αὐτῷ ἔφη· οὐδὲ φοβῆθι σὺ τὸν θεόν, ὅτι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ κρίματι εἶ; καὶ ἡμεῖς μὲν δικαίως,

# HYPERLINK

## The Seven Last Words of Jesus

ἄξια γὰρ ὦν ἐπράξαμεν ἀπολαμβάνομεν· οὗτος δὲ οὐδὲν ἄτοπον ἔπραξεν. καὶ ἔλεγεν· ἰησοῦ, μνήσθητί μου ὅταν ἔλθῃς εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν σου. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀμήν σοι λέγω, [I Thirst](#). σήμερον μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔσῃ ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ. Καὶ ἦν ἡδη ὥσει ὥρα ἔκτη καὶ σκότος ἐγένετο ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν γῆν ἕως ὥρας ἐνάτης τοῦ ἡλίου ἐκλιπόντος, ἐσχίσθη δὲ τὸ καταπέτασμα τοῦ ναοῦ μέσον. καὶ φωνήσας φωνῇ μεγάλη ὁ Ἰησοῦς [My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?](#) εἶπεν· πάτερ, εἰς χεῖράς σου παρατίθεμαι τὸ πνεῦμά μου. τοῦτο δὲ εἰπὼν ἐξέπνευσεν. Ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ ἑκατοντάρχης τὸ γενόμενον ἐδόξαζεν τὸν θεὸν λέγων· ὄντως ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος δίκαιος ἦν. [It Is Finished](#). καὶ πάντες οἱ συμπαραγενόμενοι ὄχλοι ἐπὶ τὴν θεωρίαν ταύτην, θεωρήσαντες τὰ γενόμενα, τύπτοντες τὰ στήθη ὑπέστρεφον. Εἰσθήκεισαν δὲ πάντες οἱ γνωστοὶ αὐτῷ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ γυναῖκες αἱ συνακολουθοῦσαι αὐτῷ ἀπὸ τῆς Γαλιλαίας [Father, Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit](#).



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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

This booklet is designed to coincide with the Lenten 2024 sermon series at Waypoint Community Church. However, it is also designed to be a stand-alone resource that you can use on your own or adapt for any small group. If you would like to hear the sermon associated with the particular text, you can access that online at [waypointclt.org](http://waypointclt.org).

Each section contains the following content:

### **::BLUF::**

“Bottom Line Up Front”

This is the direct quote of Jesus on the cross and will be the focus text of this section.

*Quote* — a line from a non-biblical source or a wonderful story.

### **::READ::**

This is the larger scriptural text that includes Jesus’s last words. It is recommended to read through it at least twice. On the first pass, try to capture the general flow of the passage. During the second pass, notice the areas that capture your attention, make you pause, or confuse you.

### **::RETELL::**

Read a passage from the Old Testament that is hyperlinked with the passage in the previous section. Why are these passages linked and how does it change how you view the first passage?

### **::RELATE::**

Use the prompted questions as springboards to personal reflection or group discussion. Depending on the age and stage, spiritual maturity and purpose of your group, you will need to tailor these questions so that they resonate with your group.

### **::REMEMBER::**

This is a passage you are challenged to memorize. Join the Waypoint Group “Hyperlink” on BibleMemory APP. (See “Resources” on p. 21.)

# GENERAL NOTES

## **Lent**

Lent is a historic Christian tradition of preparation and celebration leading up to Easter Sunday. Early Christians called for a special celebration where they, like Jesus in the wilderness, fasted for forty days preparing themselves to celebrate the resurrection. They were reminded that Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed! It was a time of celebrating the work of Jesus on the cross and the victory of Jesus in His resurrection for each person following Him.

## **The Seven Last Words**

Traditionally, known as the Seven Last Words, these are the last lines that Jesus said from the cross before He dies. In the Bible, seven is a significant number with loaded meaning, usually referring to completeness or wholeness. So, something more is happening with the seven last words of Jesus on the cross, telling us that the work of Jesus has been planned from the beginning and is now complete; it is finished.

## **Hyperlink**

The Bible is a collection of 66 books split into two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament, that are further divided into smaller sections. It can be confusing for us to read and to see how it is all connected, but once you start to catch on to how the authors of the books in the Bible are stringing together characters, patterns, themes, and quotes that link together all the stories - much like how a hyperlink works. You read something on the internet, one word is blue, and when you click on it, you get another story that makes the first deeper and more meaningful.

And that's what the biblical authors are doing. They are intentionally calling back to something that needs no further elaboration because it is linked to another story. Every little detail is packed with meaning. Every theme, pattern, character, and story is all leading us to a man called Jesus of Nazareth, the name that every story whispers.

In this series, we will see how the last seven things Jesus says on the cross are all intentionally designed to call back on other stories that are linked to other stories that are linked to even more. When we go back and read those stories, it changes how we hear and understand what Jesus is saying in His final breaths. Let's take this journey together...

# THE SAVIOR'S LAST WEEK

*If you would like to read more of the background and context leading up to the seven last words of Jesus, here is a brief outline of the last week of Jesus' life on earth as told in the Gospels. It is not necessary to go through this material prior to using this study guide; however, it will help you understand the events during the last week of Jesus' life that led to the Cross.*

## **Anointing at Bethany** (Saturday prior to Palm Sunday)

□ John 12:1-8

## **Triumphal Entry** (Palm Sunday)

□ Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-15

## **Teachings and Healings** (Monday and Tuesday)

□ Matthew 21:12-26:5; Mark 12:12-14:11; Luke 19:41-21:36;  
John 12:44-50

## **Washing the Disciple's Feet** (Thursday)

□ John 13:1-20

## **Last Supper** (Thursday evening)

□ Matthew 26:20-35; Mark 14:17-26; Luke 22:14-30; John 13:21-17:26

## **Gethsemane** (Thursday night)

□ Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

## **Betrayal, Trial, Abuse** (Thursday night/Early Friday morning)

□ Matthew 26:47-27:26; Mark 14:43-15:15; Luke 22:47-23:25;  
John 18:2-19:16

## **Crucifixion** (Good Friday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

□ Matthew 27:27-54; Mark 15:16-39; Luke 23:26-49; John 19:16-37

## **Resurrection and Appearances** (Easter Sunday)

□ Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-21:25

# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

*The statements He made while on the cross*

1. **Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.** Luke 23:34
2. **Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.** Luke 23:43
3. **Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.** John 19:26-27
4. **I am thirsty.** John 19:28
5. **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** Matthew 27:46
6. **It is finished.** John 19:30
7. **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.** Luke 23:46

## **Every Story Whispers His Name**

"There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves His children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. Every Story in the Bible whispers His name. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle - the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture." Sally Lloyd-Jones, *Jesus Storybook Bible*

## THE FIRST WORD

### ::BLUF::

*Father, Forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.* Luke 23:34

"Forgiveness is a form of voluntary suffering. In forgiving, rather than retaliating, you make a choice to bear the cost."

Tim Keller — *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?*, p. 6

### ::READ::

*Luke 23:32-38*

<sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

<sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

<sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

### ::RETELL::

Read Psalm 103

After reading this passage from the Old Testament (written ~1000 years before Jesus), how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?



## **::RELATE::**

- What does it mean to forgive?
- Jesus forgave the people that were killing Him. What would you have done? Be honest...
- Why is forgiveness hard for us?
- Why do we like to hold grudges?
- Why do you think that Jesus calls us to forgiveness?
- What are the benefits of forgiveness (1) to the person(s) who have wounded us? And (2) to us who have been wounded?

**Action Step:** What is something you are holding onto that you need to forgive? Pray for them and forgive them. Then call them.

## **::REMEMBER::**

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

*Matthew 6:14*

## THE SECOND WORD

### ::BLUF::

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”  
Luke 23:43

(Said by an eagle bearing news to Gondor about Sauron’s defeat)

"Sing now, ye people of the Tower of Anor, for the Realm of Sauron is ended for ever, and the Dark Tower is thrown down. Sing and rejoice, ye people of the Tower of Guard, for your watch hath not been in vain, and the Black Gate is broken, and your King hath passed through, and he is victorious. Sing and be glad, all ye children of the West, for your King shall come again, and he shall dwell among you all the days of your life. And the Tree that was withered shall be renewed, and he shall plant it in the high places, and the City shall be blessed. Sing all ye people!" J.R.R Tolkien – *Return of the King*

### ::READ::

*Luke 23:39-43*

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

### ::RETELL::

Read Genesis 2:4-25

After reading this passage from the Old Testament, how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?

### **::RELATE::**

- The Greek word for paradise is the word for an abundant garden. How is the garden described in Genesis 2?
- What are the main parts of paradise in Genesis 2? Describe what is in the garden? Who is in the garden?
- Read Genesis 3:1-18. What has changed from Genesis 2?
- How does our culture treat the concept of “life after death”?
- How would you explain paradise/eternal life to an 8-year-old kid?
- Jesus invites a thief to paradise that day with Him; Through the cross and resurrection, eternal life does not begin at our physical death but the moment someone trusts in Christ Jesus. How does that mindset shift your perspective on life and death?

**Action Step:** Read Revelation 21:1-4. Now, draw a picture of what paradise with God will look like.

### **::REMEMBER::**

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

*Revelation 21:4*

## THE THIRD WORD

### **::BLUF::**

*Woman, here is your son...here is your mother.*

John 19:26-27

"Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love. He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, no visible sign... to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever." (Dumbledore to Harry)

J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

### **::READ::**

*John 19:25-27*

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home..

### **::RETELL::**

Read Exodus 20:12 and Luke 1:46-55

After reading these passages from the Old Testament and Mary's Magnificat in the New Testament, how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?

### **::RELATE::**

- A widowed woman without her son would have been poor and abandoned by society. How's Jesus honoring His mother in this?
- Read Luke 2:34-35. Mary was told by Simeon that her Son would "pierce her own soul, too." What did Simeon mean by that statement?
- When have you experienced the pain of family?
- Through Jesus's death, we become connected in a deeper way as a new family. What do you think it means that we have a new family?
- Who are your spiritual mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters? Are any of these roles missing in your life?

**Action Step:** Have lunch/dinner with a new person/family from church. (A person or people that you don't know a lot about.)

### **::REMEMBER::**

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

*Galatians 3:28*

## THE FOURTH WORD

### **::BLUF::**

*I am thirsty.*

John 19:28

“The wilderness is where God revealed himself repeatedly as Provider, Protector, and Guide.” Timothy Laniak, *While Shepherds Watch Their Flock: Rediscovering Biblical Leadership*, p. 17

### **::READ::**

*John 19:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “**I am thirsty.**”<sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

### **::RETELL::**

Read Psalm 69

After reading this passage from the Old Testament, how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?

**::RELATE::**

- When have you experienced physical pain? emotional pain?
- How has God used pain and suffering to shape you?
- The desert wilderness is where the Lord often speaks. When have you experienced dryness in your life? How has the Lord spoken to you in those times?
- Why did the New Testament writers see Jesus in Psalm 69?
- Do you see yourself in Psalm 69? Which verses resonate the most for you/your life?

**Action Step:** Take some time to intentionally be alone in silence and solitude with God. Start with 5 minutes. If you get distracted, try praying out loud.

**::REMEMBER::**

“Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.”

*Psalm 69:1*

## THE FIFTH WORD

### **::BLUF::**

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Matthew 27:46

“I will not say: do not weep; for not all tears are an evil.”

(Spoken by Gandalf), Tolkien, *Return of the King*

“His grief he will not forget; but it will not darken his heart, it will teach him wisdom.” (Spoken by Aragorn), Tolkien, *Return of the King*

### **::READ::**

*Matthew 27:45-46*

<sup>45</sup> From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

### **::RETELL::**

Read Psalm 22

After reading this passage from the Old Testament, how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?



## **::RELATE::**

- All through the Bible and through the history of the faith, we see a concept that is called "the dark night of the soul" — where God feels far away, and it is hard to see where He is at work or if He's real. Have you felt like this? Do you feel like this now?
- Read Jesus' words and Psalm 22 again. What do you think about Jesus feeling this way? What was happening that caused Jesus to say this?
- When have you felt forsaken by God?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus Christ experienced that same hurt?
- Do you need to reach out to someone (friend, family, or a counselor) because of the spiritual dryness/darkness you are feeling right now?
- What are the best antidotes for you when experiencing "the dark night of the soul"? (*Examples: reading Scripture, worship music, biblical teaching [podcasts/YouTube], talking with a friend/mentor, prayer, etc.*)

**Action Step:** Even though this is a difficult season of life, God is at work. Gratitude is a practice of remembering the little ways God has been at work in our lives. List five things you are grateful for.

## **::REMEMBER::**

“For He has not despised or disdained  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
He has not hidden His face from Him  
but has listened to His cry for help.”

*Psalm 22:24*

## THE SIXTH WORD

### **::BLUF::**

*It is finished.*

John 19:30

“Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world?” (Spoken by Samwise), Tolkien, *Return of the King*

### **::READ::**

*John 19:30*

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “**It is finished.**” With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

### **::RETELL::**

Read Isaiah 53

After reading this passage from the Old Testament, how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?

### **::RELATE::**

- “It is finished” is in the “perfect” tense in Greek, which indicates a past completed action with ongoing impact in the present/future. Does this change the way you think about what Jesus says here in John 19?
- If “it is finished,” then you do not have to work so hard. How does that make you feel?
- The Greek word for *finished* can also be translated “it is paid for.” Have you ever had someone buy your meal? How did you respond? How does knowing that Jesus “paid” for your sins make you feel?
- Read Isaiah 53 again. What does it say about the “suffering servant”?
- Guilt is feeling bad for what you have done; Shame is feeling bad for who you are. How can God use guilt to change and challenge you?
- Where do you carry shame in your life? How could you let it go?
- The picture of Genesis 2:25 is that we were not meant to live in shame. How has Jesus’ work on the cross canceled our shame?

**Action Step:** Consider the sins Jesus paid for with His life. Then Journal your sins and then burn the paper.

### **::REMEMBER::**

“But He was pierced for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on Him,  
and by His wounds we are healed.”

*Isaiah 53:5*

## THE SEVENTH WORD

### **::BLUF::**

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Luke 23:46

“And as He spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.” C.S Lewis, *The Last Battle*

“There, peeping among the cloud-wrack above a dark tor high up in the mountains, Sam saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty for ever beyond its reach.”

(Spoken by Samwise), Tolkien, *Return of the King*

### **::READ::**

*Luke 23:44-47*

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Jesus called out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” When He had said this, He breathed His last.

<sup>47</sup>The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”

### **::RETELL::**

Read Psalm 31

After reading this passage from the Old Testament, how does it change how you view/read/hear what Jesus says?

## ::RELATE::

- When was a difficult time to give up control? Why is it difficult to give up control?
- When you hear the word surrender, what do you think of? Is it a positive or negative term?

"I don't think you Americans understand what Christianity is all about. Back in the 1960s you started to use the word 'commitment' to describe your relationship with Christ. However, any time a word comes into usage, another word goes into disuse...until the 1960s, you Americans talked about 'surrender' to Christ. Surrender means giving up control, turning over all to the Master, Jesus. By changing to the word 'commitment,' your relationship with Christ has become something you do; therefore you are able to keep control. Surrender means giving up all rights to oneself. You Americans don't like to do that, so instead you make a commitment."<sup>1</sup>

- How do you respond to this quote above? How is commitment different than surrender?
- Jesus surrendered His life for you. What do you need to surrender to God?

**Action Step:** Pray the Sinner's Prayer.

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. I completely surrender to You and give up control of my life to You."

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<sup>1</sup> Patrick Morley, *How God Makes Men: Ten Epic Stories, Ten Proven Principles, One Huge Promise for Your Life*

**::REMEMBER::**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

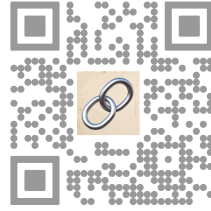
*Philippians 2:5-11*

## RESOURCES



### **Sermon Podcasts**

Listen to the sermons in the series



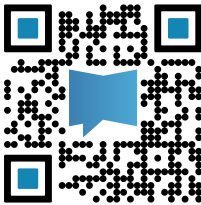
### **Bible Memory App**

Memorize 1 verse from each sermon

## **Take it Further**

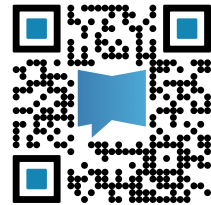
*Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This great book tells the Story beneath all the stories in the Bible, pointing to Jesus as our Savior. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds, children will clearly see that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation—and at the center of their story too.

*The Story of God's Love For You* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. The adult version of the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. It is a great read for those new to scripture.



### **Design Patterns**

Bible Project video about the dots that connect individual stories in the Bible (6 min.)



### **Story of the Bible**

Bible Project video that shows the one unified story of Scripture (5 1/2 min.)

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## MY NEXT STEPS

*Ideas or questions you might want to follow up on yourself...*



## WAYPOINT'S GUARDRAILS

There are five old Latin phrases that provide guardrails for our beliefs as part of the reformed tradition. As we get our bearings for this journey called life, these set our course by starting with God, focusing on Jesus, living according to Scripture, standing on faith, and receiving God's grace.

1. God's in charge, not me
2. Jesus is The One who points and prepares The Way
3. The Bible shapes who we are to become
4. Real relationships are formed through faith not rules
5. God's love is a gracious gift that transforms our daily lives

## WAYPOINT'S MISSION

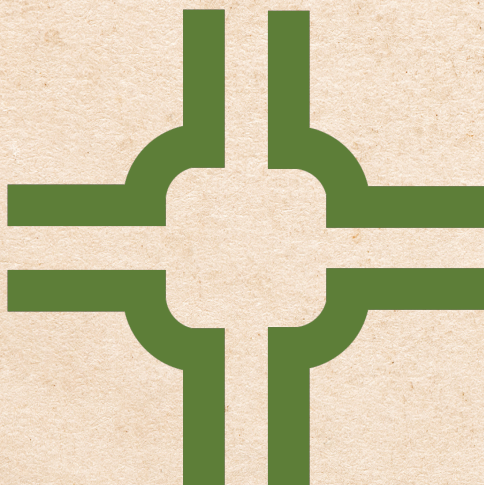
Equipping people for life with Christ through community

## WAYPOINT'S CORE VALUES

Biblical Foundation  
Genuine Community  
Authentic Worship  
Daily Impact

***Come and See. Go and Be.***

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