

## SESSION 1

# News Story

### THE 5 W'S AND 1 H:

Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

#### YOU REPORT:

Who are you? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you look like? \_\_\_\_\_

When were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you glad to be alive? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan on making an impression? \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

### Jefferson County Man Finds Artifacts

Last weekend, Tom Davis planned on getting a start on a new fencerow at his farm just off Highway 92. He never planned on finding a box of artifacts and becoming a local celebrity.

“It’s the craziest thing. One posthole, I hit something that sounded hollow. When I got it out of the ground there was a box containing jars, trinkets, and some tools. Dr. Hall from the college came, and I’ve never seen a guy so excited about a box of old junk,” said Davis . . .

Every news story answers the 5 W’s and 1 H. So does the story of the gospel.  
On the most basic level, the gospel is news. It is the story of God and us.  
It is the most important news story you will ever hear.

“The gospel is the one story that makes sense of every story of every person who ever lived.” – Paul Tripp

**the Gospel**



# SPECIAL REPORT

The gospel story has four main parts:

## 1. Creation (Genesis 1:27)

Who created? \_\_\_\_\_

What did He create? \_\_\_\_\_

When did He create? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did He create? \_\_\_\_\_

How did He create? \_\_\_\_\_

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:27

“The gospel begins and ends with what God is, not what we want or think we need.”  
— Tom Holston

## 2. Fall (Genesis 3:6-7)

Who fell? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they do? \_\_\_\_\_

When did they do it? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

How did they fall? \_\_\_\_\_

### BECAUSE OF THE FALL, WE NOW HAVE. . .

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suffering | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lying   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sadness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrath     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hell    |

*Ever wonder why you have so much trouble in your life?  
Ever wonder why there is so much pain and sadness around?  
It's because of the Fall.*

### 3. Redemption (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Redeem: to buy back, to get something back, to exchange

Who redeemed us? \_\_\_\_\_

What did He do? \_\_\_\_\_

When did He do it? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did He redeem us? \_\_\_\_\_

How did He redeem us? \_\_\_\_\_

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.”  
– 1 Peter 3:18

“The gospel is not ‘God loves us,’ but ‘God loves us at the cost of his Son.’”  
– Derek Thomas

“The heart of the gospel is redemption, and the essence of redemption is the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ.” – Charles Spurgeon

**SAMPLE**

### 4. Restoration (Revelation 21:1-4)

Who will restore everything? \_\_\_\_\_

What will He do? \_\_\_\_\_

When will this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

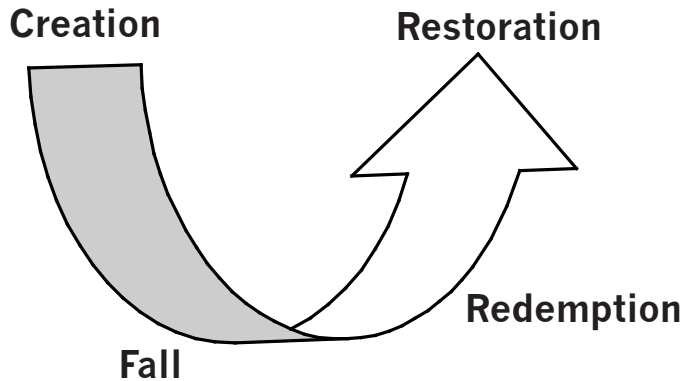
Why will He restore everything? \_\_\_\_\_

How will He restore everything? \_\_\_\_\_

“The whole point of God’s work is not simply to rescue people out of the earth, but to actually restore the earth to its glorified state.” – J. D. Greear

# THAT'S A WRAP

## QUICK RECAP:



## SIMPLE IDEAS TO APPLY:

- We were created to bring glory to God.
- Our biggest problem is the sin that separates us from the God who created us.
- Jesus' life, death, and resurrection solved our greatest problem.
- We can have hope because Jesus has redeemed us and is restoring the world.

**SAMPLE**

## QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT:

1. Name one reason you believe God created the world. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Name two ways you can see the effects of the Fall in your life. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Name three words to describe the fact that Jesus loved the world so much, He came to earth, died, and rose again to save it. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Name four things that excite you about heaven and God's restored creation. \_\_\_\_\_  
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"In [a biblical] perspective, the gospel appears as creation, fall, redemption, restoration. It brings out the purpose of salvation, namely, a renewed creation."  
 – Gospel Coalition's Theological Vision for Ministry