



SPEAKER

# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE JESUS

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king’s message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God’s story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.	If you are making a choice to trust and follow someone, you need to know who that person is. The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.  But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.
 <b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.	The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.  Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.
 <b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.	The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this, we often feel distant and disconnected from God. We need someone to rescue us and reconnect us to God.
 <b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.	Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. We can now be forgiven, rescued, and reconnected to God.
 <b>You</b> are invited into God’s story.	There are many stories about who Jesus is and what He has done in the Bible. John chapter 20 verses 30 and 31 say, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John says that the Gospel story was written, so that you would believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and you can have eternal life. You are invited into God’s story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.

If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me.

**PRAY:** “God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen.”

(Pass out **Student Response Cards** while the Host shares **Response Time** from **Part 3**.)