

"Explore God's Story" is a 90-day journey through the pages of the Bible, designed to immerse you in the narrative of God's unfolding plan for humanity. While the plan doesn't cover every verse, it offers a manageable 15-20min selection of readings for each day. EGS aims to foster a deeper experience with scripture as a narrative, revealing God's character, promises, and redemptive plan throughout history. By delving into the diverse genres and themes of Scripture, participants can develop a comprehensive view of God's love, grace, and the invitation to participate in God's unfolding story.

Here's a guide on how to implement it:

- 1. **Get a Bible:** Obtain a physical Bible or use a Bible app (ex. YouVersion or Bible App)
- 2. **Daily Reading:** Each day, follow the plan for that day. Choose a specific time each day to make this a consistent part of your routine, such as in the morning or before bedtime.
- 3. **Reflect and Journal:** Take a minute after each reading to reflect on what you've read. You might consider journaling your thoughts, prayers, or any insights you gained from the readings.
- 4. **Stay Consistent:** Consistency is key. Even if you miss a day, don't worry about catching up just start wherever you are.
- 5. **Look It Up:** Don't be afraid to research anything that catches your attention. Ask the pastors if you need help finding a commentary or study notes. These can all provide historical and cultural context, as well as insights into the meaning of specific passages.
- 6. **Pray:** Don't just read for information purposes but pray through the scripture. With each story ask God, "What are you saying to me/to us today?"
- 7. **Share with Others:** Consider sharing your experience with friends, family, or a study group. Discussing the scriptures with others can provide additional perspectives and deepen your understanding.

Remember, the goal is not just to finish the readings but to *explore* and engage the story, inviting the Holy Spirit to write you into God's story – to tune your life to sing a new song of grace.

We are story people, and God's story confronts each of us with the question: "What story is shaping my life today?" If you want to discover how God's story can transform your life, then read this book. Read and rehearse again and again the stories of water and rescue, of rainbow and covenant, of shepherds and compassion, of wine and forgiveness, of resurrection and joy, of Pentecost and freedom. Read and rehearse these daily like a musician or artist rehearses their craft – intentionally studying each detail and nuance with eager curiosity – not for performance sake but because the practice itself engenders greater freedom and generates inexplicable joy. Read this book and find yourself in the story of grace. Perhaps with time and by God's grace, you might be able to say "this is my story".

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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(from the hymn "Blessed Assurance" by Fanny Crosby)