The Acts of the Apostles.

The Church begins and a <u>NEW FAMILY</u> is formed. Acts 1:8; 2:42-47; 4:32-35 Life Group Questions

MY STORY

When looking back over this series, over-viewing the Scriptures, what part of the story sticks out the most to you and why?

Saul – Paul: Amazing and Unexpected... <u>ONLY GOD</u>. Acts 9:1-31; 13:1-4 ff.

Spend some time meditating on Jesus' return and making all things new. Life restored to the way it was meant to be!

What is broken in your life or on your journey that you'd love to see restored? Made new?

The <u>LETTERS</u>

Paul: to the church in cities and regions. Romans; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Paul: to church leadership & close friends. 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus; Philemon.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Revelation 21:5-7, 22:17, Matthew 11:28-30 and Isaiah 55:1-9. As you read, list or circle in your Bible all the action words you can find.

Various other church leaders write... Hebrews; James; 1, 2 & 3 John; Jude

What are the things that hinder us from accepting this free gift of salvation?

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Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.

With the daily workings of life, seasons, beginnings and endings, why is it so difficult for our minds to grasp eternity?

God isn't waiting until Jesus' return to usher in his Kingdom, it has already began because of what Jesus did on the cross and through us, the church! (see Colossians 1:13-14)

In what areas of our life can God use us to be peacemakers or bring reconciliation into the lives of those we are around daily?

The Revelation of Jesus

Jesus revealed as KING OF KINGS.

Revelation: God's GRAPHIC NOVEL.

Two main scenes: <u>HEAVEN</u> and <u>EARTH</u>.

The Revelation of Jesus will draw us to worship Him! Revelation 1:17, 18; 4:6-11; 5:8-14; 7:9-17; 11:16-18; 15:1-4; 19:1-10

The Bible – An Epic Story of God and Us.

A story with a <u>BEGINNING</u>, <u>MIDDLE</u> and a <u>BEGINNING</u>. Genesis 1-11 & Revelation 21-22

This epic story is not about \underline{ME} ... It's about \underline{US} in \underline{JESUS} the <u>Christ</u>. Ephesians 1:3-8

This epic story is not about <u>ME</u>... It's about <u>JESUS</u>. Luke 24:13-32; Ephesians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:15-20

"It is finished! I am the Alpha and Omega – the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life." – The Invitation of Jesus

The glimpses of heaven that are revealed to us in Revelation show all of heaven and earth worshiping God. In fact, as we worship God here, we are joining the chorus of heaven!

What are some ways you can incorporate regular times praising God and worshiping him throughout your day that reflect our thankfulness to him?

Read Revelation 22 and imagine being there, seeing through John's eyes. Spend time in prayerful reflection on what you're reading.