



# GC Question Sheet

Sermon: Acts 13:13-52 (listed after the questions are *The Story Elements* and *The Story of God- The Gospel in 5 Minutes* to help facilitate and clarify some of the questions)

- **How can the story God/the Gospel inform and define our purpose in life?**
- **What was the “creation” or origin of Israel in their eyes from what Paul preached? What was a defining moment for you while you were growing up in one sentence? – ex. One of Roger’s defining moments was growing up in a solid, Christian family but personally struggling with legalism (if you have adolescents in your group have them ask what is the big theme in your life right now?)**
- **What was the “Fall” for Israel as a nation in Paul’s sermon? What was a defining “fall” moment for you in past or maybe even right now? – ex. One of Roger’s defining “fall” moments was when he struggled with a porn addiction realizing he couldn’t check the box of staying pure and couldn’t live a good life on his own**
- **What was the false “redemption/savior” that Israel looked to? How did Paul correct their story with the Gospel? Has there been something/someone you have looked to other than Jesus as the savior? How was Jesus a better savior or how could Jesus be a better savior in your life? ex. Roger used porn as a false savior to ‘medicate’ pain from the loss of a close loved one but realized it was destroying his life rather than helping ease his pain. He realized later he was an addict and the only one who could give him hope and eventual relief from the pain of the brokenness of this world was Jesus.**
- **What did Israel see as their “heaven” when everything was made right in their lives? How did Paul change their narrative with Jesus and the story of God/Gospel? What is the heaven/restoration that you hope for in your life?**



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**Another way of asking the same question is what would your life look like if everything was made right/made perfect?** *Ex. Before Roger met Jesus, he thought life would be perfect if his loved one was still alive, he didn't have debt, there was peace in the world without global war-mongering and he could express his sexuality in the way he wants without feeling guilt or wrongness. After meeting Jesus, Roger wants to see his life and the world eventually be under the rule and reign of Jesus Christ because then all things will be made new, pain and death will be gone, and the best relationship he can have is with Jesus Himself.*

## THE STORY ELEMENTS:

### Creation

Your origin, fundamental beliefs about who you are, where you came from, how you got there, where your identity lies, Is there a God, if so what is he like?

### Fall

We all have a belief about what causes the brokenness in our lives, society, world, and we desire some form of justice. There is always someone or something to blame.

### Redemption

We all look to a Savior to fix the problem, (a person, plan, philosophy, self-improvement, etc..)

### Restoration

We all have a picture of the future and how it will look when things are how they are suppose to be





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## THE STORY OF GOD- THE GOSPEL IN 5 MINUTES

### Creation

- Created to enjoy the wonder of who God is in a perfect Father – Child relationship
- Given his Earth to steward, cultivate, develop, care for
- Relationship with each other
- Enjoy his many gifts

### Fall

- We rebelled against God, Consequently...
- Lost relationship with God, each other, ability to steward, humanity and the earth was cursed
- We believed God was a liar, that he wasn't good, that he was holding something back from us
- Worshiped Satan by believing him over God resulting in him ruling over this earth in place of us.

### Redemption

- But God.... Even as the curse was given, hope for a savior was given too
- When Jesus comes on the scene he is there to restore the Kingdom that was lost by us.
- Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight for the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.
- Christ laid his perfect life down for humanity, he absorbed humanity' sin upon himself and sacrificially died in our place, then he rose victoriously because death, and Sin, and Satan could not hold him back!
- God's appointed King-Jesus, is presently reigning in and through the lives of his people, accomplishing his will, "on earth as it is in heaven"
- Now we have been given the same purpose as Christ...The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, because he has anointed you to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent you to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight for the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.
- We are brought back into a Father – Child relationship
- Relationships with each other can be mended, and now by our love for one another, the world will look on and know that Christ's words are truth
- We are called to steward over what is broken, firstly human hearts and



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souls

- We can enjoy all his gifts with worshipful hearts that have been forgiven.

## **Restoration**

- Jesus will come back and judge all sin and wickedness
- There will be a new Heavens and Earth
- Relationships with God and Each other will be without shame, guilt  
jealousy, sin
- Our responsibilities as stewards will be restored