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Finding your Story in God's Story

Gilbert, Arizona, November 4-5

Why a story? At GFL we seek to teach discipleship in a way that captures God's glory story. God's commands, including the Great Commission, are to be taught within the flow of redemptive history, and not as if our listeners were air-dropped into unknown territory.

Life has no meaning without an overarching story of reality. Questions such as: "Where did we come from?" "Why are we here?" "Why is there evil, death and suffering?" are all answered by a story, or worldview. We yearn to know how our lives fit into a greater story. As a testament to this hunger, look at what appears daily on social media—millions of posts by people seeking validation. Their collective cry, "Confirm me!" "Recognize my value by the significance of my story!"

God has a story too, but, not because He needs validation. His story is different than all other stories; His story determines reality itself—it is His 'glory story' because it reveals His perfections, excellence, and majesty—He is the Author of life. He stamped human DNA onto lifeless dust in order to form us in His image.





In Adam's fall into sin, the entire human race abandoned its created purpose. Only in Christ is our created purpose recovered. In our seminar on 'Finding your Story in God's Story' our aim is to help believers know and live their created purpose as His 'new creations'. Obediently stepping into one's calling is a function of faith in the truth. And, that occurs most effectively when we are discipling one another. Our seminar is about the joy and purpose found in living as Christ's disciple. For, that is how you find your story within God's story.

Our AZ seminar is hosted by Edward Ochoa, owner of Cross-driven Athletics. Eddie is the father of Angel Ochoa (left) who is in the USA Boxing Youth Division and is a recent National Champion. Eddie is his Boxing and Strength and Conditioning coach. Eddie was selected as a boxing coach to help the USA Olympic Coaches with their training camps.

Cross-fit Athletics is a perfect mission field for reaching young people with the gospel. Countless young people are searching for a caring mentor who will tell them the truth while caring for their personal development.

Seminar Sessions:

Session One: How to begin finding your story in God's story. God's 'glory story' centers upon the recovery of His image through a Deliverer (*identifying the plot of God's story in Genesis 1-3*)

Session Two: How to write your story according to the will of God. Believers live according to God's will when they daily present themselves to God as a 'living sacrifice' (*the origin of God-approved stories in Romans chapter 12*)

Session Three: Finding the Spirit's plot for your story. The Holy Spirit places every true believer into the Body of Christ, and gives every believer a gift by which the members of the Body are blessed and built up (*discovering the Spirit's role for you in the body of Christ, 1 Corinthians 12*)

Session Four: How to know your story will last forever. Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. As our Redeemer, He restores us to our created purpose. The Father's gift of Son comes with the priceless gift of being made like Christ (*living out a drama beyond our dreams; the gift of conformity to Christ, Romans 8*)



Jay's ministry partner, Shane Haffey will be assisting with the teaching in Arizona.

For more information on a '*Finding your Story Seminar*' and how you might schedule one for your church or adult Bible fellowship please contact Jay at (661) 476-9713, or <u>jaywegter@gmail.com</u>

Prayer Requests

- Pray that the believers in Gilbert Arizona will respond to the challenge to begin living as disciple-makers.
- Pray for Jay and Shane as they prepare to deliver this seminar.
- We are seeking the Lord's help to replicate this seminar in churches and Christian organizations.

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Thank you so much for your prayers and support! Jay, Michele and the GFL Team