

Events and activities for 2012: Starting Jan 9th Dr Todd Cathey will start 12 weeks of fun learning studies of “God’s Redemptive Story” Monday Nights- Meal 6:15 and sessions start 6:46 SC Building

God’s Redemptive Story

Introduction

This season we are starting our story set in the book of Genesis and working through the book of Revelation. Our purpose is to learn more about the Lord and His plan for us through His redemptive story.

Remember for thousands of years God’s people have used “story telling” or the oral tradition of telling the Word of God. The benefit of telling the story is that people understand the big picture and can pass it on in a clearer way. You will find that in this book we are asking you or someone in your group to actually tell the story aloud, and then have it re-told by someone else in the group in their own words. Statistics tell us that the majority of us actually learn better by re-telling a story.

As the story is retold, you will be amazed to see the number of people in our groups that will be able to better understand and apply the heart of the story. Story telling actually draws people deeper into the Word to discover what it *actually* says and not what we *want it to* say. We will ask one set of questions to re-enforce the facts of the story and another set to discover God’s heart behind the story. Remember, equally important to telling the story, is to ask good questions to hear where people are in their journey with God.

Telling stories in our groups will be a change. Re-telling the story may seem a bit awkward at first. Our home groups will be a place for us to learn and explore with mistakes being a part of the process. It will be important to read the Scripture passage that will be storied in advance a few times and even practice telling it to someone aloud. The more you practice the easier it becomes to tell the story with flow and confidence. Our measure for success is when our people can pass God’s word on to others accurately (2 Timothy 2).

Let’s have fun together as we explore this exciting season in our church.