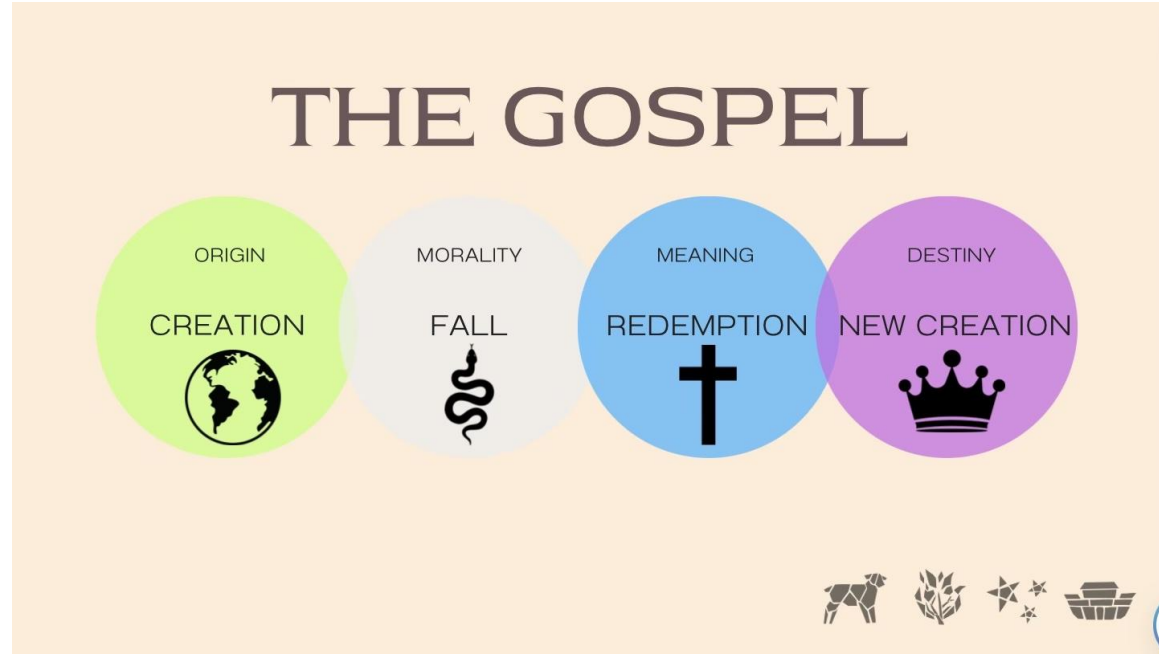# Marking Out Your Story

Important why?

For 2 reasons...

1. Understanding God's work in your life

2. Telling others about God through your story

Understanding God's Work in Our Lives

In some ways, God's work in our lives is no different than his work in everyone else's

Creation

How did God begin to work in your life?

What is/was your identity built on?

FALL

How did your identity begin to fail you?

What made you doubt your initial worldview?

Redemption

How is Jesus the hero of your story?

What happened for you to respond to God?

New Creation

In what ways has God changed your life?

How have you become a new creation?

Marking out our story glorifies God

- Thoughtful, intentional, honest reflection

- Where we used to be

- Where we are now

- Don't want to forget

These guys forgot their story

Ever heard of the Israelites???

→ God's chosen people←

What's their deal?

Exodus
- God saved the Israelites out of slavery

Wilderness
- The Israelites forget God, abandon his ways like 15x

Promised Land
- God has mercy on the Israelites, provides for them, leads them to the promised land

Moses

Wrote the whole thing down

The Story of the Israelites

Creation

- Israelites identity was in themselves, not God

FALL

- It failed them when they couldn't save themselves from the Egyptians etc...

Redemption

- God brought them out of Egypt into the wilderness and eventually the promise land

New Creation

- The Israelites then submitted to God and worshiped Him, trying to keep all the rules, laws, and commandments He'd given them (sabbath, sacrifices, holidays...)

Ultimately, the story is about God

The God of the universe is worth knowing

He reveals himself to us in his work and his word

The more we know of him the more we are irresistibly drawn to him