

1) Encouragement comes from knowing the Bible's one epic story. (12-16)

Do you ever get discouraged by the rituals of religion? Do you ever get discouraged by reading the Bible but not understanding it or hearing God speak to you through it?

How does God use a well-crafted sermon from the Bible to encourage you?

What verses in the Bible encourage you most? Why?

2) Every epic story in the Bible is the unfolding story of Jesus. (17-37)

Think back through the messages in the Epic series. How did these stories point to Jesus?

- Abraham praying for Sodom
- Abraham willing to sacrifice Isaac
- The Passover and the Exodus
- David killing Goliath
- Solomon's Temple being filled with God's glory
- The divided kingdom
- Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah returning and rebuilding

Does it sometimes seem like God has given up on his promises to rule and reign? Why?

What should you do when you don't see the visible evidence that God is keeping his promise?

3) Every epic story in the Bible is telling my story. (38-41)

Where do you see yourself in the Epic stories we have studied? How are you like Israel as they were enslaved in Egypt? How are you like the armies of Israel paralyzed before Goliath? How are you like those who turned to Baal worship?

What sins do you need to be forgiven from? How does the promise of forgiveness of sin free you? How does the promise of forgiveness keep you from sin?

How would you be living today if the forgiveness of sins through Jesus had not been proclaimed to you?

Additional Scripture

- Psalm 132:11
- 2Corinthians 5:21
- Galatians 3:8-9, 14-16, 29
- Romans 8:32
- Mark 1:15
- Revelation 11:15