

Session 5

Opening Discussion

- A) If you want to be effective in being a part of what God is doing in a person's life, what would be helpful to know?
- B) We all have moments of disappointment and frustration in life. What is usually the cause of such moments?

Bible Reading

- 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Key Points

- a) In order to be part of what God is doing in a person's life in the here and now, you need to know what God is doing.
- b) Your life has not always worked according to your plan and you are always trying to figure your life out.

Discussion Questions

- 1) Sometimes we live more in our own little stories of life rather than God's big story. What does this mean and how does this hinder us from being a part of what God is doing in the lives of others?
- 2) How should we view and deal with the disappointments and frustrations of life, especially when life does not always work according to our plans?
- 3) When we view the Bible as a theologically annotated story, that is, a story with God's notes, how does it help us when trying to figure out life?

Personal Application

A) Can you recall moments where you fell into the trap of living out of your own little story rather than God's big story? How might these moments have changed if they had been viewed at the time from what God was doing?

B) In recent years, how has your life not worked out according to your plan? Are there dreams that you are still holding out for? What should your attitude be towards such dreams?

C) If your life is part of God's overall redemptive story, how does the Bible equip you to see life especially when your own plans fail?

Further Bible Study

- Romans 8:28-39