# Discovering YOUR Part In God's SUPERNATURAL Plan

GOD

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## BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

### "What's Your Part in God's Supernatural Plan?"

One June evening, I found myself sitting around a campire next to 14-year-old Joshua. He asked if I liked Star Wars.

I said yes. He grinned.

He asked, "What era is your favorite?"

Uh-oh. While I love the movies, I didn't know anything about the books or the eras or much about the *Star Wars* mythology. He began unpacking the grand epic of the *Star Wars* universe, a mythical struggle between good and evil. I realized I had a very superficial understanding of Star Wars.

Similarly, many Christians have a very superficial understanding of the Bible, which is also an epic and supernatural struggle between good and evil. But, it's more amazing because unlike *Star Wars*, the Bible is true. If you have the eyes to see, it's more awesome than any other story you've ever heard.

Why? Because the Bible also says God's supernatural plan to defeat evil involves you!

This series will give you the eyes to see your part in God's supernatural plan.

This seven-part series looks at the supernatural story of the Bible from start to finish. Each lesson includes three sections:

#### 1. Getting Started

Get ready for each message with the Lesson Overview, Prayer Time, and This Week's Scripture. Read these scriptures before the lesson, even if you don't understand them.

#### 2. Small Group Discussion

You can answer these questions in a group or by yourself as a devotional time. Many of the questions won't have easy "right" or "wrong" answers. They are meant to help you think about the message. Don't answer them with, "I don't know." Have some fun and give the questions a shot.

#### 3. Wrap Up

Challenge yourself by applying what you've learned that week. Take a risk and have some fun! Don't forget to read these scriptures to get ready for the next lesson

Sincerely, Doug Overmyer Seers See Ministries

If you'd like to learn more about the ideas in this lesson series, I encourage you to read *Supernatural: What the Bible Teaches About the Unseen Realm and Why It Matters*, by Dr. Michael S. Heiser. Get ready to embark on an epic journey of a lifetime.

# GOD'S STORY: BEFORE CREATION

#### **Getting Started**

**Lesson Overview** What is God's story? What part do you have in it?

This week, we'll look at the situation before Creation.

**Prayer Time** Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

**This Week's Scripture Reading** Psalm 74:12-17, Psalm 104, Job 38:4-7, Genesis 15:1-6, John 1:1

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. Compare the Creation accounts in Genesis 1 and Psalm 104. What is similar? What differs?
- 2. Read Psalm 74: 12-17. This was probably written before Genesis 1 and Psalm 104. What is similar? What differs? What do you think Leviathan represents? What is Leviathan in Psalm 104? Why wasn't Leviathan mentioned in Genesis 1?
- 3. Read Job 38:4-7, Psalm 82: 1 and 6, Daniel 4:13. Who are these creatures, called the morning stars, sons of God, the holy ones, and the Watchers? Are they real? Can they influence the physical world?
- 4. Read Genesis 15:1, 1 Samuel 3:1, and John 1:1-3. Who is the Word of God? What did he do before Creation?

- 1. In the beginning, we see God as King conquering the dragon of chaos in front of the heavenly host through the Word. God conquers our chaos in front of witnesses through Jesus. How do you respond to that?
- 2. Many Christians choose to read the creation accounts through scientific eyes and they get caught up in the creation / evolution debate. Have you experienced this debate? How does it go?
- 3. Many try to use the Bible to argue science, especially around creation. The scriptures don't present a scientific argument. Instead, they testify that God orders the chaos, through the Word. Why do people feel like they have to argue about science and the Bible?
- 4. Think about the chaos in your life and the lives of your family, your friends, your school, or your community. The Bible say that chaos is like a dragon, wrecking your life. If the Word conquered the dragon to bring order to creation, how much more can Jesus conquer the dragons of your life?
- 5. Think of a time when your life was or is in chaos. How can you allow Jesus to bring order to your chaos? Sometimes God doesn't solve our chaotic problems, but he does give us peace to walk through them. What would it be like to go through the chaos of your lives with your heart in peace?
- 6. How can you allow Jesus to be King in your life?

#### **Spiritually Powerful**

1. In your group, who needs prayer about chaotic situations in their lives?

- 2. Lay your hands on each person and ask the Holy Spirit to minister to each situation.
- 3. Wait for the Holy Spirit to bring peace and solutions (if there are any) to this chaos. Some situations don't really have solutions, but the Lord will help with peace.
- 4. Give the Holy Spirit some space and time to work.
- 5. For those going through really chaotic life situations, read Psalms 142 for several nights before bed.

### Wrap Up

Challenge

Pay attention to people around you. Whose life is in chaos? Pray for that person on a daily basis. Ask Jesus to bring order to their chaos. Reach out to that person and offer your support.

#### Scripture Reading of the Week

Genesis 1 - 3, Matthew 6:9-13 Colossians 1:15-16

# GOD'S STORY: AFTER CREATION

### **Getting Started**

Lesson Overview

What is God's story? What part do you have in it? This week, we'll look at the situation after Creation. It's a story of Dominion and Identity... both lost.

> **Prayer Time** Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

**This Week's Scripture Reading** Genesis 1 - 3, Matthew 6:9-13, Colossians 1:15-16

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. Read Genesis 1:26. To be made in God's image is to be like God in some way. What does this mean? What's the New Testament word for being made the right way?
- 2. God made humans destined to rule on earth as God would rule. What does this look like? Read Matthew 6:13. How is extending God's rule reflected in the Lord's Prayer?
- 3. Read Colossians 1:15,16. Humans failed to perfectly image God, so who came to be the perfect image of God?
- 4. Read Genesis 2:9. Describe the two trees mentioned in the Garden. What roles do they play? What did God say would happen if they ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? (Genesis 2:17). Did that happen? (Note: use only the text. There are no biblical references to "spiritual death" here). Why or why not?

- 5. Read Genesis 3:1-6. What does the Serpent say to her? What is her response? Is her response correct? What actions did she add to God's command? Why did she add them?
- 6. Read verse 6 again. What kind of temptations are going on here? Have you experienced these kinds of temptations? (Hint: See 1 John 2:16).
- 7. Why do you think Adam ate the fruit?
- 8. Why did God remove Adam and Eve from the Tree of Life?
- 9. Adam and Eve were made the right way, and they sinned. Why? What does this mean for you?

- 1. Science and medicine strive every day to help people live longer. Why do people want to have long life?
- 2. Technology is coming, which will allow you to tie your brain directly into the Internet, giving you unlimited knowledge. This is God-like knowledge. Why do men and women want to achieve this?
- 3. Today, we are constantly tied to machines, constantly connected to screens and the Internet. How is this like what the Serpent offered to Eve? Do your devices with screens control you, or do you control them?
- 4. God said we are like him, male or female, made to be God's representatives on the planet. Yet, we all struggle with lies about who we are. We all believe something about us that is different than what God declares about us. What lies do you struggle with?
- 5. Sometimes we just rebel from God and choose to sin, instead of what we know is right. Why?

- 6. Adam and Eve received hidden and secret knowledge from a supernatural being that wasn't God. Have you or someone you known tried to get hidden or secret knowledge from other spirits? How wise is that?
- 7. God's mission for us is to bring Eden to the ends of the earth, which includes living in God's rule and reign here and now. How can you do this in your regular life?
- 8. What is the solution to seeing ourselves like God sees us? What is the solution to having God's dominion in our lives? How do we live like this?

#### **Spiritually Powerful**

- 1. In your group, confront the identity issues you might have.
- 2. If you have faith in Jesus, you are a new creation and God sees you as a son or daughter. If you don't have faith in Jesus yet, you are still in the Image of God, and your destiny is to live as God made you, to represent him. Even if you don't feel like this, God says it's true. Sometimes, our feelings lie to us. But God is faithful and true.
- 3. Tell each other how God sees you. Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm God's word.
- 4. Read and meditate on Colossians 3:1-17. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring truth to those lies, so we can live as God would have us live.

### Wrap Up

#### Challenge

People around us believe lies about themselves. People think they are mistakes and will never be good enough. They do not trust that God made them as the image of God, with dignity and worth loving. Notice someone in your life who is believing a lie about his or her identity. Pray for this person, and reach out to this person with positive words of how God sees him or her.

#### Scripture Reading of the Week

Genesis 3:15, 6:1-14, 1 Peter 3:18-22, 2 Peter 2:1-10, Jude 6-7

# GOD'S STORY: THE FLOOD

### **Getting Started**

#### Lesson Overview

What is God's story? What part do you have in it? This week, we'll look at what happened when humans pursued eternal life by messing around with angels in evil ways.

**Prayer Time** Be sure to invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

#### **This Week's Scripture Reading** Genesis 3:15, 6:1-14, 1 Peter 3:18-22, 2 Peter 2:2-10, Jude 6-7

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. Read Genesis 6:1-2. What is going on here? What were the angels doing? Were the women willing? Why or why not? Does this sound like anything that is said to be happening today? What do you think about women being able to have children with angels?
- 2. Some people try to change the meaning of this text and say it was humans getting married with other humans. Why do you think people want to change what it says?
- 3. Read Genesis 6:4-5. How did the sin of the Watchers lead to widespread wickedness? How bad does it have to get before God has to destroy everything and start over?
- 4. Read Genesis 6: 11-14. Why did Noah find grace? If the rest of the world was made of corrupted humans because people pursued relationships with evil spirits, and Noah remained faithful to God, what does that mean for us? Who should be the source of our divine knowledge?

- 5. Read 1 Peter 3:18-22. Now that you know about what the Book of Enoch describes about these events, how does Peter link Jesus and baptism to Enoch?
- 6. The Watchers made a loyalty oath to each other to defy God, and this led to terrible wickedness and the spirits getting locked up in hell. On the other hand, baptism is a loyalty oath to Jesus. Each baptism declares to the Watchers that evil has lost and Jesus has won. Is water baptism a form of spiritual warfare?

- 1. The Watchers were blamed for sexual transgression and corrupting humanity with forbidden knowledge, including a variety of activities that engender lust, warfare, astrology and occult practices. This spiritual contagion imprints itself on humanity and human culture. How do you see these effects today?
- 2. The Watchers somehow altered humans to become giants. Possibly animals were altered as well. God tells Noah to put specific kinds of animals on the ark. Why?
- 3. Today, scientists are genetically altering animals, plants and even humans. What do you think about this?
- 4. In some movies and television programs, enhanced or altered humans are superheroes; or sometimes regular people hunt evil supernatural beings. What are some examples in our culture of enhanced humans doing mighty deeds, or regular humans hunting evil supernatural beings?
- 5. Some ancient stories describe the giants as super strong walking dead who consumed people and animals. In our modern culture, what does that sound like? Why are these images so popular?
- 6. If humans received divine knowledge from wicked spirits, which led to human depravity, then what is the solution to human depravity?

### Spiritually Powerful

- 1. Jesus came to undo the sin of the Watchers. Noah's flood gives us a picture of salvation. As God sent the flood to wash away the depravity that was ruining creation, God preserved uncorrupted humans for a new life after the flood. When we come to Jesus, our old life is dead and buried, and we receive new and eternal life in Christ. Have you given your life to Jesus yet?
- 2. Baptism corresponds to the death and resurrection of Jesus, and is a declaration of who is on the Lord's side. If you haven't been baptized yet, what is holding you back from publicly declaring loyalty to Jesus?
- 3. After Jesus ascended to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit, who provides access to needed divine knowledge when necessary. The Holy Spirit also empowers us to overcome the sin of the Watchers, including through spiritual warfare. Where in your life is the sin of the Watchers impacting you?
- 4. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and your friends, so that you can overcome the works of the dark spiritual forces.

### Wrap Up

#### Challenge

Find a friend who is dabbling in the occult. If you don't know of any, ask the Holy Spirit to show you someone. Ask this person why, and then offer to introduce that person to Jesus, who will send the Holy Spirit, the actual source of truth, love and power.

#### Scripture Reading of the Week

Genesis 11:1-9, Deuteronomy 32:7-8, Deuteronomy 4:19-20, Psalm 8

# GOD'S STORY: THE TOWER OF BABEL

### **Getting Started**

Lesson Overview

What is God's story? What part do you have in it? This week, we'll look at what happened when humans try to enter heaven by their own means.

**Prayer Time** Be sure to invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

**This Week's Scripture Reading** Genesis 11:1-9, Deuteronomy 32:7-8, Deuteronomy 4:19-20, Psalm 82

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. After the Flood, God told the people to multiply and fill the earth. Instead, the people built the Tower of Babel to try and build a way into Heaven. Why do you think they would do this? How did God respond?
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 32:8-9 and 4:19-20. What did God do to the nations of the world at the Tower of Babel incident? If they would no longer have a relationship with God, then who would represent God on earth? Who would God relate to? How would people know what God is like?
- 3. In 2 Kings 5, we read about a Syrian general named Naaman, who had leprosy. He came to a prophet of Israel to get healed, and the prophet healed him. He was so grateful that he did this: read 2 Kings 5:17. Why does Naaman take some Israeli dirt home with him? How does this relate to you?
- 4. Read Psalm 82. Here God is judging the "gods" of the other nations. Why is God angry? What does the Psalmist mean when he asks God to inherit the nations?

- 5. Read Colossians 1:15. Did Jesus create these other gods?
- 6. Read 1 Corinthians 2:8. How did these other gods react to Jesus when he became a human?
- 7. Read Colossians 2:15. Did Jesus overcome all the spiritual rulers of the other nations?
- 8. Read Romans 8:38-39. Can these other spiritual powers stop God from loving you?
- 9. Read Ephesians 6:10-13. Behind the scenes, spiritual forces influence people to do bad things. But people no matter how awful- are not our enemy. Who is our enemy?
- 10. Read Ephesians 6:14-18. How do we fight against these evil spiritual powers?

- 1. One interpretation of Nimrod is he somehow changed into something that was like a giant. Can you think of movies or television characters that show somebody changing into a super-human? When these characters get their superpowers, how do people around them react? Why do people want to change into something more powerful?
- 2. Today, scientists are working to enhance humans. This is called Transhumanism. They are implanting computer chips or changing their genes to make humans faster, stronger, smarter, and with the ability to live longer lives. Why do people want these abilities? How does it relate to the Tower of Babel and the time before the flood?
- 3. Some people pursue forbidden (occult) knowledge. What are some examples of this? What are some examples of getting secret knowledge from demons? What is the Christian equivalent of receiving divine knowledge from God?

4. There is a problem of evil in the world. If God is good, then why is there evil?

### Spiritually Powerful

- 1. Babel means "gate to God." The humans were apparently trying to build a gate to God. Humanity has a history of trying to invade Heaven on its own terms, but God wants to invade earth with Heaven on his terms. When you come to Jesus in faith, the Holy Spirit comes to live in you making you God's home on the earth and essentially turning you into a Gate to God. Like Jacob in Genesis 28:16, you can look at yourself in the mirror, and say, "Surely, God is in this place, and I did not know it. How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven." Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you up and reveal his presence in your life.
- 2. If you haven't given your life to Jesus, isn't it time now? How can you help others to find purpose with Jesus?

### Wrap Up

Challenge

Each day, look at yourself in the mirror and say, "Surely, God is in this place, and I did not know it. How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven." And then act like it.

#### Scripture Reading of the Week

Read Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-21, Exodus 19-20, Deuteronomy 5, and 1 Kings 4:20-34

# GOD'S STORY: THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

### **Getting Started**

Lesson Overview

What is God's story? What part do you have in it? Last time, we learned that God disinherited the nations. In this lesson, we look at God's plan to retake the nations. After God's promises to Abraham, God forms a new nation to represent God, but over time, the people in this nation choose their desires over God's desires.

**Prayer Time** Be sure to invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

This Week's Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-21, Exodus 19-20, Deuteronomy 5, and 1 Kings 4:20-34

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. Read Exodus 19:5-9 Why did God want a nation of priests? What's with the thick cloud? Read Exodus 19:16-20. What would you think if you saw that?
- 2. In Exodus 20, God gives Israel the 10 commandments. Their response is recorded in Exodus 20:18-21. What was their reaction? Why? How did God want them to respond?
- 3. When the Kingdom of God was operating like it should on earth, the land was clear of demonic influences and God was worshipped in faith and truth. What else was going on? Look at 1 Kings 4:20-34.
- 4. Read 1 Kings 6:38 (about the Temple) and 1 Kings 7:1. In the Bible, seven often represents God's completeness and thirteen signals rebellion. In the passage, what is the author trying to say? Why mention the number of years it took Solomon to build his house, compared to the number it took to build God's house? What was Solomon thinking?

- 1. In Exodus, we read how the people reacted to God trying to approach them. They pulled away. Do you think this hurt God's feelings? Does God have feelings and emotions? How does this relate to your faith in Jesus?
- 2. Think of a family member or friend who has pulled away from you. Describe that and how it made you feel. Did this situation get resolved?
- 3. Solomon took 7 years to build God's house and 13 years to build his own. Today, God's house is anyone who puts his or her faith in Jesus. God actually makes his home on earth in them. Sometimes people make a decision to be a Christian, say the "sinner's prayer" and then never put any effort in their walk with Jesus or later they just walk away from their faith. How is this kind of like Solomon spending 13 years on his house after spending 7 on God's? What's the solution to this? How can you actually live this out?

### **Spiritually Powerful**

- 1. In the Old Testament, God carved out a sacred space to make his own on earth. Because of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now God wants to make his sacred space in you. Ask God to fill your life with his renewing presence.
- 2. God's land is no longer a territory with a border, but anyone who is in Christ by faith. This means, you have God's presence inside of you at all times, even if you don't feel like it or act like it. Meditate on this truth and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more of his activity in your life.

### Wrap Up

#### Challenge

Find someone who does not have faith in Jesus, and explain that God wants to make his home in that person. Offer to lead this person in a prayer to lead this person into the Kingdom of God.

#### Scripture Reading of the Week

1 Kings 22, Daniel 4, Psalms 104:1-4, Daniel 7, Matthew 26, Mark 14: 55-64

## GOD'S STORY: THE CLOUD RIDER

### **Getting Started**

Lesson Overview

What is God's story? What part do you have in it? This week, we'll look at God's shocking promise to bring his kingdom to earth under the rule of a man who is also God.

Prayer Time

Be sure to invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

This Week's Scripture Reading

1 Kings 22, Daniel 4, Psalms 104:1-4, Daniel 7, Matthew 26, Mark 14: 55-64

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. Read Deuteronomy 32:26, Psalms 68:32-33 and Psalms 104:1-4. When God rescues people from disaster, their natural reaction is to celebrate. Other times, when people sit and think about how awesome and powerful God is, their natural response is to worship him. Yet often, we don't really put a lot of effort into worshiping God or praising him with songs. Why not? How can we change our attitudes and actually celebrate Jesus the Cloud Rider?
- 2. Read Daniel 7:9-10 and 13-14. What is going on here?
- 3. Read Matthew 26:64, Mark 14:62, Luke 22:69. Why do you think this quote from Jesus is specifically mentioned in all three of these Gospels?
- 4. Jesus declares he is God and Man. Is he telling the truth? How do you respond to this?

- 1. A popular Christian cartoon of image of Jesus is Jesus in blue jeans. Many churches use similar cartoon images of Jesus. Why?
- 2. Jesus terrified demons, and healed the sick, and walked on water, and calmed the raging seas, and brought the dead back to life, and loved the least, the last, and the lost. How honest are cartoon pictures of a safe Jesus?
- 3. Do people need a safe God or a God who can defeat evil and deliver them into safety?
- 4. God can seems really big and unapproachable. But Jesus came so we might learn what God is really like. How does Jesus help you understand God?

### Spiritually Powerful

- 1. God's Kingdom is God's rule and reign, which we pursue by faith. Are you in the Kingdom of God, with Jesus as our King, through believing that Jesus came as a human, died, and rose again. If you haven't done so yet, confess this, and enter the Kingdom today. Celebrate Jesus the Cloud Rider for rescuing you from the forces of darkness.
- 2. What areas of your life aren't in God's Kingdom yet? This means, where is God not ruling in your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you bring those areas into God's powerful and active rule and reign. Jesus the Cloud Rider can be an ever-present help to you in all of your needs.

### Wrap Up

#### Challenge

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal someone you know who wants more of Jesus. Approach that person, ask who they think Jesus is and why he was condemned, and enter into a discussion about who Jesus said He was.

#### Scripture Reading of the Week

Psalm 82, Luke 4, 9:1-6, 10:1-20, Acts 2, Colossians 1-3, Ephesians 6

# GOD'S STORY: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### **Getting Started**

Lesson Overview

What is God's story? What part do you have in it? It's all come to this: Jesus is taking back the nations and restoring people to their true image and destiny.

Prayer Time

Be sure to invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

#### This Week's Scripture Reading

Psalm 82, Luke 4, 9:1-6, 10:1-20, Acts 2, Colossians 1-3, Ephesians 6

### Small Group Discussion

#### **Biblically Thoughtful**

1. Read Luke 4:18-19. Some call this Jesus' mission statement. What does it mean?

- 2. Go to Acts 2:5. Why did Luke write down all these nations? Read Acts 2:37-41. What happens when people turn from their old way of thinking to follow Jesus? Why does God fill us with the Holy Spirit?
- 3. Read Colossians 1:11-14. How are we transferred from the Domain of Darkness into the Kingdom of Light? What are the benefits of being in the Kingdom of God?
- 4. Read Col 2:15. Who is Paul talking about?
- 5. Read Eph 6:10-18. What weapons do we have to defeat the forces of darkness?
- 6. Read Galatians 3:26 and Romans 8:19. Most Christians do not realize they are sons (and daughters) of God. This means they are brothers (and sisters) to Jesus, the Lord of the Divine Council. They are in

God's family, and God is training them to sit in the Divine Council and rule the Kingdom of God with him forever. How does that knowledge now impact you? How does that change how you want to live?

7. Read Col 3:1-3. We all believe lies about ourselves, but because of what Jesus did, God says we are sons (and daughters) of God. No matter what you believe about ourself, if you are in Christ by faith, you are seated at the right hand of God. Why does Paul say to set your mind on things above? How can we begin to believe what God says about us?

### **Culturally Relevant**

- 1. Bad things happen. Sometimes bad things happen because people make mistakes, sometimes people sin and sometimes it's just something in nature that happens. Armed with this knowledge of the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ, how are we to look at the bad situations in our lives and around the world? How can we impact the world?
- 2. The idea of the Kingdom of God expanding means the rule and reign of God breaks into our present circumstances. How can you partner with God to bring more of the Kingdom at school, in your family, in your life?
- 3. People believe lies about themselves. But God sees them differently. How can seeing ourselves as God sees us help us overcome challenges in our lives?

### **Spiritually Powerful**

1. In Matthew 28: 18-20, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Ask the Holy Spirit to help you step into this identity and mission.

### Wrap Up

#### Challenge

Jesus is calling you to be a part of his Kingdom. Step into your destiny today in all areas of your life.

## GOD'S STORY: WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

### **Getting Started**

#### Lesson Overview

Many students read their horoscopes or readily can tell you their astrological sign. By doing so, they are subscribing power and identity to spiritual forces that are not aligned with God. This lesson exposes the logical and spiritual consequences of subscribing to an astrological interpretation to their birthday.

#### **Prayer Time**

Be sure to invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.

#### This Week's Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4:19-20, Deuteronomy 32:8-9, Ephesians 6:12, Colossians 1:13, Colossians 2:13-15, Exodus 17:15, Song of Solomon 6:4

### **Small Group Discussion**

- 1. Read Deuteronomy 4:19-20: How is it possible that when we read from our horoscopes, we're actually affirming a demonic influence over our lives?
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (from ESV) and Ephesians 6:12. How are these verses talking about the same thing? What are they saying?
- 3. Read Matthew 28:18. Before Jesus, the entire world was under the authority of demonic forces. What does this verse mean?
- 4. Read Read Colossians 1:13. What does this mean?
- 5. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What weapons do we have to defeat the forces of darkness?

- 1. Do you read your horoscope, even occasionally? The sociologist quoted in the message says these are "organized fortune telling." How does this differ from receiving a prophetic message, inspired by the Holy Spirit?
- 2. The sociologist said that horoscopes train people to not take responsibility for their actions and teaches them to deny free will. How might this be the case? What's the impact of millions of people in a society reading horoscopes for generations?
- 3. He said that when God is denied, people will turn to something else looking for truth or meaning. Many turn to the occult. What are other things people turn to?

### Spiritually Powerful

Turn away declaring demonic forces hold your destiny. Instead, declare that Jesus holds your destiny!

# **GOD'S STORY** Discovering YOUR Part In God's SUPERNATURAL Plan

This 7-week study will take you on an adventure for the ages. Viewed through the supernatural worldview of the Bible, you will encounter the dramatic cosmic conflict revealed from the ancient past tomorrow. Through these potent lessons, your students will engage the Bible like never before. By challenging you to be biblically thoughtful, culturally relevant and spiritually powerful, you will become equipped with a mindset that makes sense of the world we live in. *Get prepared for a journey that will be life transformative!* 



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