

SUNDAY MORNING (October 14th) • Counterfeit Gospels Equipping Ourselves with the Real Deal

From the time we can put together syllables and comprehend what other people are saying, we are fascinated by stories. Something deep within the human soul hungers for narratives and the truths they convey. In a profound way, we not only come to live *for* stories, we live *by* them. How we understand the story of our world affects how we live.

The Bible is a library of books that contain many different types of literature. Taken as a whole, the Scriptures provide us with a grand narrative—a great story in which every person is invited to take part. God has chosen, through his Word, to tell his children *the* Story, not a bedtime story that rocks us into a gentle sleep, but the story that we wake up to in the morning that explains why we exist. God's Story tells us who we are, what has gone wrong with the world, what God has done to redeem and restore his broken creation, and what the future holds for his people, those who accept his offer of salvation.

The fundamental questions that define our existence find their answers in the biblical narrative. And if we are to live *by* the biblical story, it's important that we rightly understand it and the good news at its heart. **Take the time to read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, one of the clearest descriptions of the gospel in the Bible.** Using that passage and your own grasp of the Story, how would you describe the gospel?

Consider these primary “scenes” of the Story. How would you summarize them in your own words?

- Creation –
- Sin –
- Covenant –
- Law –
- Prophecy –
- Jesus –
- Redemption –
- Gospel –
- Return –