

**MORNINGS
+ NIGHTS**

A CREATIVE MINORITY - WEEK 2 – NARRATIVE: A COMPELLING ALTERNATIVE STORY

PRAY TOGETHER: (5 MINUTES)

Gather together as a community in a comfortable setting (around a table, on the couch, the floor of a living room, etc.). Have somebody lead a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your time together.

READ THESE KEY SCRIPTURES:

-CREATION: Gen.1:27

-FALL: Genesis 3:1-13

-REDEMPTION: 1 Peter 1:3-5

-RESTORATION: Colossians 3:12-17

A KEY QUOTE FROM THE BOOK *A CREATIVE MINORITY*: "A Creative Minority is fueled, driven, and framed by a compelling counter-narrative – the full, Biblical story of God's loving relationship with His people. Out of that flows a substitute vision for the economy, education, human sexuality and many other areas – all of these larger issues fit into this all-encompassing story." (p.27)

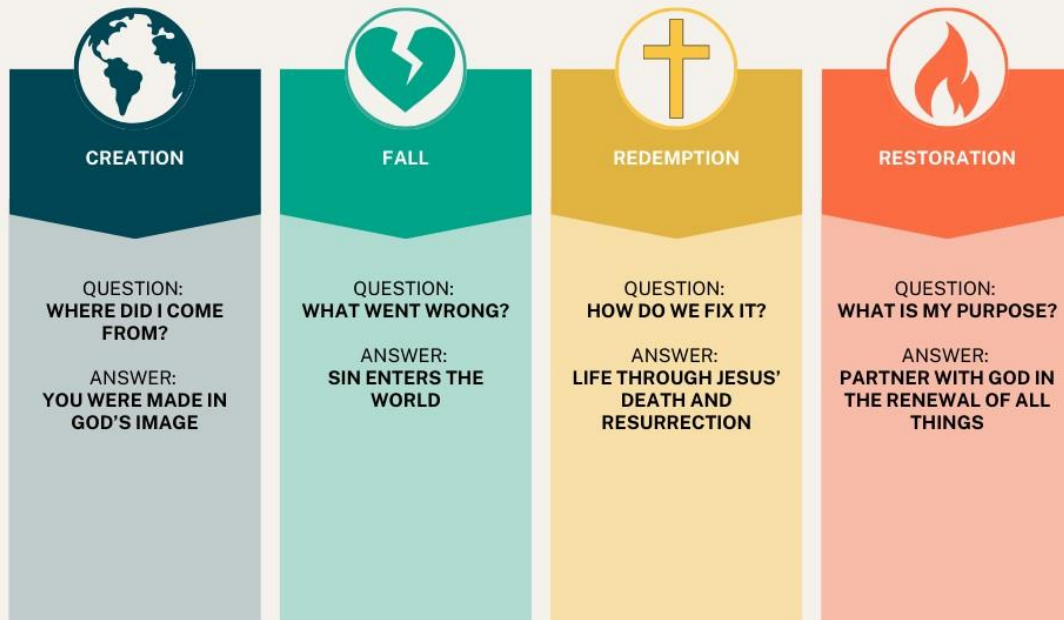
READ THIS SUMMARY:

We live in a world of 'the story wars'; we compete for the hearts and minds of people and the best story wins. Many Christians have a **crisis of confidence in their story**. One reason for this is that we have only been given half the gospel story. The *half story* is that we are trying to get sinners into heaven when they die. But the *full story* is that we are made in God's image and our purpose is to partner with him in renewing all things.

COMPARE THE 2 PRESENTATIONS OF THE GOSPEL STORY BELOW:

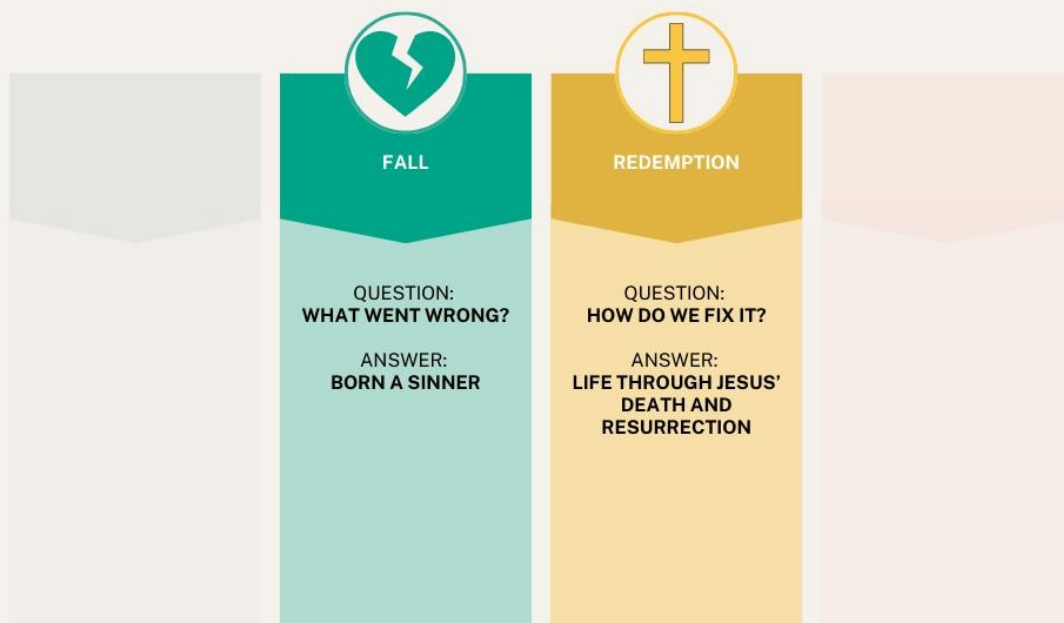
THE FULL GOSPEL STORY

CREATION - FALL - REDEMPTION - RESTORATION



THE HALF GOSPEL STORY

FALL - REDEMPTION



Living out the *full story* means we can have a vision of faith for every job and activity. The half story, however, creates an 'elite' of missionaries and pastors. The full story, in which we all carry the dignity of divine image-bearers, empowers us all. It enables us to present a vision for all areas of human life that is a counter-narrative, subverting society's stories. It also enables us to live out this story in our everyday life and to influence our communities in small but powerful ways.

Questions for Reflection

1. What are some of the stories that are out there in our society?
2. Why is the full story of the gospel so compelling and attractive?
3. What would living out this story in our everyday worlds and everyday lives look like in practice?