THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

Foundations for Life in Christ and Leadership in the Church

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The Mission of MBC

We glorify God by making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations, beginning in greater Washington, D.C.

The Mission of Our Lives

- To <u>enjoy</u> God's grace in a relationship with Him.
- To <u>exalt</u> God's glory to the ends of the earth.

How Do We Accomplish This Mission?

- We glorify God by <u>growing</u> as disciples of Jesus.
- We glorify God by <u>making</u> disciples of Jesus.
- We glorify God by multiplying <u>churches</u> that reflect Jesus.

Where Do We Accomplish This Mission?

• Among <u>all</u> nations.

One Conclusion...

• To be a disciple of Jesus is to let His global cause <u>dictate</u> everything you think, desire, and do.

One Question...

Do we really <u>believe</u> the Bible?
 What the Bible says about the <u>church</u>?
 What the Bible says about the <u>lost</u>?

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The Story of Scripture

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:44-48

- The Bible tells the story of how God <u>redeems</u> His people for His <u>kingdom</u>.
 - How God redeems His people...
 - God is restoring His people to Himself.
 - God is re-<u>creating</u> us in His image.
 - For His kingdom.
 - A kingdom...
 - <u>People</u> who are ruled by the King.
 - A ______ where the King has dominion.
 - A <u>purpose</u> for the King and his kingdom.
 - The kingdom of God...
 - God is bringing His people...
 - To His place...
 - For His purpose.

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
EDEN	God's Blessing on	Perfect	God's Glory Multiplied
	His People	Fellowship	To All Peoples

EDEN (Genesis 1-2)

- People God's Blessing on His People
 - The Sovereign King creates man and woman as the summit of his creation.
 - Two complementary accounts of creation display a unique relationship between God and man and woman.
 - Genesis 1, which is cosmic and universal in its scope.
 - Genesis 2, which is focused on the creation of man and woman.
 - Man and woman perfectly <u>enjoying</u> the love of God.

- Place Perfect Fellowship
 - The very best place of all the garden of <u>paradise</u> in Eden.
 - Eden is a place where all relationships are perfect.
- Purpose God's Glory Multiplied to All Peoples
 - Created in God's image, man and woman <u>represent</u> God Himself as the sovereign over all creation (see also Psalm 8:5-8).
 - Our purpose (Genesis 1:26-28):
 - To enjoy God's grace in a relationship with Him.
 - To exalt God's glory to the ends of the earth.

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
FALL	God's Blessing and Judgment through Adam & Eve	Disrupted Fellowship	God's Glory Marred Among All Peoples

FALL (Genesis 3-11)

- People God's Blessing and Judgment through Adam and Eve
 - Two results of the Fall...
 - Righteous judgment
 - Undeserved grace
 - Salvation and judgment are now inseparable, complementary aspects of the action of God in bringing in His kingdom.
 - Two lines of human development (Genesis 4-11):
 - An ungodly line expressing human sin and inviting God's judgment;
 - A godly line showing God's gracious purpose in salvation.
- Place Disrupted Fellowship
 - All relationships are now disrupted.
 - Between God and man and woman (guilt, shame, and fear).
 - Between man and woman.
 - Between man and woman and the world.
 - Fallen man and woman are <u>outside</u> the garden.
- Purpose God's Glory Marred Among All Peoples.
 - The picture of man and woman after the fall...
 - Total <u>disobedience</u> to the purpose of God (Genesis 11:2).
 - Total <u>disregard</u> for the glory of God (Genesis 11:4).

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PATRIARCHS	God's Blessing and Judgment through Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob	Promised Fellowship	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Faithfulness

PATRIARCHS (Genesis 12-50)

- People God's Blessing and Judgment through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - God establishes a covenant <u>people</u>, Israel (Genesis 12:1-3).
 - God promises to bless Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 17:1-27).
 - God's promise is received by grace alone through <u>faith</u> alone.
- Place Promised Fellowship
 - God promises a covenant <u>place</u> (Genesis 12:1).
 - God continually reiterates His promise of land for His people (Genesis 26:1-16; 28:10-22; 39).
- Purpose God's Glory Made Known to All Peoples Through His Faithfulness
 - God provides a <u>sacrifice</u> for His promise to be realized (Genesis 22).
 - God promises to establish His kingdom for all nations through His people (Genesis 17:6, 16; 35:11; 49:9-10).

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EXODUS & CONQUEST	God's Blessing and Judgment through Moses, Joshua, Judges, Samuel	God with His people: Tabernacle	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Deliverance

EXODUS & CONQUEST (Exodus-1 Samuel 8)

- People God's Blessing and Judgment through Moses, Joshua, Judges, Samuel
 - God's blessing...
 - He remembers His people (Exodus 2:23-24).
 - He reveals Himself to His people (Exodus 6:1-12).
 - He delivers His people (Exodus 7-18).
 - He renews His covenant with His people at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19).

- He gives His people the <u>law</u> (Exodus-Deuteronomy).
- He gives His people the <u>land</u> (Joshua).
- He gives His people leadership (Judges).
- God's judgment...
 - On Pharaoh.
 - On pagan lands.
 - On His people in their sin.
- The Riddle of the Old Testament (Exodus 34:6-7)

"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Exodus 34:6-7

- Place God with His people: Tabernacle
 - The presence of God...
 - In pillars of cloud and fire.
 - In the tabernacle.
 - In the promised land.
 - The tabernacle becomes the focal point of God's dwelling <u>with</u> His people (2 Samuel 7:6).
 - God dwells among his people but can only be approached through a mediator who offers an acceptable sacrifice for sin.
- Purpose God's Glory Made Known to All Peoples Through His Deliverance
 - God's actions derive from His desire that all individuals, groups, and nations "might know that I am the Lord" and acknowledge and trust in His glory.
 - "They/You will know that I am the Lord" (mentioned almost <u>50</u> times from Genesis to Numbers).
 - Exodus 19:6 A kingdom of <u>priests</u>.
 - Intercessors between a holy God and all the peoples of the earth.
 - Israel joined an eternal God in His eternal desire to promote and proclaim the glory and greatness of His own name among all the nations.
 - Israel was saved to rid the land of foreign gods and reflect the glory of His name to the nations.

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
MONARCHY	God's Blessing and Judgment through Saul, David, & Solomon	God with His people: Temple	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Anointing

MONARCHY (1 Samuel 9 – 1 Kings 11; 1 Chronicles - 2 Chronicles 9)

- People God's Blessing and Judgment through Saul, David, & Solomon
 - God mediates His covenant through the kings.
 - Blessing in covenant loyalty.
 - Judgment in covenant disloyalty.
 - God <u>renews</u> His covenant with His people through David (2 Samuel 7).
 - God promises to bless his name (2 Samuel 7:9; Genesis 12:2).
 - God promises victory over enemies (2 Samuel 7:11; Genesis 22:17).
 - God promises a unique relationship with His people (2 Samuel 7:14; Genesis 17:7-8).
 - God promises future seed (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Genesis 21:12).
 - God's blessing among His people is at its height under David and Solomon.
- Place God with His people: Temple
 - $\circ \quad \mbox{God's people established in God's land}.$
 - God's presence established in God's city
 - From the tabernacle to the <u>temple</u>...
 - The temple promised to David.
 - The temple prepared by Solomon.
 - $\circ~$ God's dwelling established with God's people.
 - The people encounter His glory.
 - The people express their worship.
- Purpose God's Glory Made Known to All Peoples Through His Anointing
 - God renews the covenant to David for His renown in all nations (2 Samuel 7:22-24).
 - God establishes the temple to express His glory to people from all nations (1 Kings 8:41-43).

⁴¹ "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake
⁴² (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³ hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name. 1 Kings 8:41-43

God gives favor to Solomon to <u>spread</u> His fame among all nations (1 Kings 10:6-9).

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
ANARCHY	God's Blessing and Judgment through Major Prophets & Minor Prophets	God with His people: Exile	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Discipline

ANARCHY (1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings; 2 Chronicles 10 – Esther)

- People God's Blessing and Judgment through Major Prophets & Minor Prophets
 - God mediates His covenant through <u>kings</u>.
 - Blessing in covenant loyalty.
 - Judgment in covenant disloyalty.
 - God keeps His covenant through <u>prophets</u>.
 - The prophets foretell both judgment and blessing through...
 - A new captivity for God's people.
 - A new exodus for God's people.
 - Deliverance from exile follows the pattern of deliverance from Egypt (Jeremiah 16:14-15, 23:7-8; Isaiah 43:15-21).
 - God's work in the exodus provides God's comfort for the people in exile (Isaiah 40:3-4; 41:17-20; 42:7; 43:1-2, 16-20; 48:20-21; 49:24-26; 51:9-11; 52:3-4, 11-12).
 - A <u>new</u> covenant for God's people.
 - God's law on His people's hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-33).
 - God's forgiveness in His people's lives (Jeremiah 31:34).
- Place God with His people: Exile
 - God will remember His people.
 - God strengthens His people through exile.
 - God sustains His people through a remnant.
 - They will return to His land.
 - The restoration of Zion will be like...
 - The restoration of <u>Eden</u> (Isaiah 51:3; Ezekiel 36:35).

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Isaiah 51:3

And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' Ezekiel 36:35

- They will rebuild His temple.
 - It will display the greatness of God's glory (Ezekiel 40-47).
 - It will demonstrate the work of God's Spirit (Zechariah 4:6-9).
- Purpose God's Glory Made Known to All Peoples Through His Discipline
 - God's glory will be realized in all nations...
 - Through their exile (Ezekiel 20:32-37; Habakkuk 1:5-2:20).
 - Through their survival (Isaiah 48:9-11).
 - Through their return (Ezekiel 36:22-23; Isaiah 60:22).
 - Through their salvation (Isaiah 46:13; 49:6).
 - God's glory will be known in all nations...
 - Through His Servant (Isaiah 42:1-8).

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Isaiah 42:1-4

• Through His <u>Son</u> (Isa. 9:6-7).

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
JESUS	God's Blessing and Judgment through Christ	God among His people: Incarnation	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Salvation

Jesus (Matthew – John)

• People – God's Blessing and Judgment through Christ

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

- Jesus solves the riddle of the Old Testament (Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 3:21-26)
- The family line...
 - He is the son from Adam's lineage.
 - He is the seed of Abraham's lineage.
 - He is the king from David's lineage.
- The full picture...
 - He is our <u>prophet</u> (Deuteronomy 18:15 and Acts 3:22; Hebrews 1:1-2).
 - He reveals the Word.
 - He is our <u>priest</u> (Hebrews 4:14-5:10).
 - He removes our guilt.
 - He is our <u>king</u> (Jeremiah 23:5-6).
 - He reigns as Lord.
- Place God among His people: Incarnation
 - God lives among His people!
 - The claims of Jesus...
 - I am the <u>tabernacle</u> (John 1:1-14).

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

• I am the temple (John 2:13-22).

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:18-22

- Purpose God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Salvation
 - He is the Lamb of God's provision for the world (John 1:29).
 - He is the manifestation of God's glory in the world.
 - He is the radiant center of God's plan for the world.
 - He is the anticipated <u>glory</u> of God.
 - He is the eternal <u>God</u> of glory.

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
PRESENT	God's Blessing and Judgment through His Church.	God in His people: Body	God's Glory Multiplied To All Peoples

PRESENT

- People God's Blessing and Judgment through His Church.
 - Christ our prophet...
 - We are now his <u>witnesses</u> (Acts 1:8; Matthew 16:13-20)

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. Matthew 16:13-20

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- Christ our priest...
 - We are now his kingdom of <u>priests</u> (1 Peter 2:5-9; Rom. 15:14-16).

¹⁴ I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:14-16

Christ our king...
We are now his <u>heirs</u> (Romans 8:16-17; Galatians 3:26-4:7).

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:16-17

- Christ our judge...
 - We are now under his judgment (John 5:21-27).

- Place God in His people: Body
 - The prophets foretold the rebuilding of God's temple.
 - It will display the greatness of God's glory (Ezekiel 40-47).
 - It will demonstrate the work of God's Spirit (Zechariah 4:6-9).
 - The temple of God and our body...
 - We display the greatness of God's <u>glory</u> (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16).
 - We demonstrate the work of God's <u>Spirit</u> (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).
 - The temple of God and our mission...
 - The nations would come to the temple (1 Kings 8:41-43).
 - The temple now goes to the nations (Acts 1:8).
- Purpose God's Glory Multiplied To All Peoples
 - Jesus purpose: Establish the kingdom.
 - Our purpose: Multiply the kingdom.
 - Make disciples of all the nations!!!!!
 - God, help us to learn from Israel and the Old Testament and <u>connect</u> God's blessing with God's purpose.

	PEOPLE	PLACE	PURPOSE
FUTURE	God's Final Blessing and Judgment	God with, among, and in His people: Redeemed Body	God's Glory Enjoyed By All Peoples

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Revelation 12:7-11

FUTURE

- People God's Final Blessing and Judgment
 - The consummation of the kingdom (Revelation 20:11-21:8):
 - Heaven exemplifies the King's eternal blessing.
 - Hell exemplifies the King's eternal judgment.

- The <u>call</u> of the kingdom:
 - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near" (Matthew 4:17).
- The confession of the kingdom:
 - "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).
- Place God with, among, and in His People: Redeemed Body

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:1-4

- We are co-<u>residents</u> in his kingdom (Revelation 22:1-5).
 - The glory of Eden is restored (Genesis 3:24).
 - The glory of Zion is realized (Isaiah 35:10; Hebrews 12:22-24).
- We are co-<u>recipients</u> of his kingdom (Romans 8:17).
 - We belong to Him (Zechariah 13:9).
 - He belongs to us (Zechariah 13:9).
- We are co-<u>rulers</u> in his kingdom (Revelation 5:10; 2 Timothy 2:12).

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:1-5

- Our relationship with God is completely restored.
 - From total guilt to total innocence.
 - From lowest shame to highest honor.
 - From everlasting fear to everlasting peace.
- Our relationship with each other is completely renewed.
- Our relationship with our environment is completely redeemed.
- Purpose God's Glory Enjoyed By All Nations
 - The completion of God's kingdom:
 - God's people...
 - In God's place...
 - Fulfilling God's purpose...

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 7:9-17

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The Bible tells the story of how God redeems His people for His kingdom— God bringing His people to His place for His purpose.

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UNITED MONARCHY (1 Sam. 9–1 Kgs. 11; 1 Chr.–2 Chr. 9)	God's Blessing and Judgment through Saul, David, & Solomon	God with His people: Temple	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Anointing
DIVIDED MONARCHY (1 Kgs. 12–2 Kgs.; 2 Chr. 10–Esther)	God's Blessing and Judgment through Prophets	God with His people: Exile	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Discipline
JESUS (Matthew–John)	God's Blessing and Judgment through Christ	God among His people: Incarnation	God's Glory Made Known To All Peoples Through His Salvation
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