



ARISE ONLINE CURRICULUM GUIDE

WHY WE EXIST

ARISE exists to make disciple-making disciples.

We are a discipleship training program and it's our mission to empower people to understand, experience, and share the gospel in whatever life-path they pursue or setting they find themselves in. We want to equip the church and saturate the world with gospel-centered disciples who are devoted to God and passionate about ministry in light of who He has designed them to be.

So whether you want to be a pastor, a doctor, or a biomedical engineer ninja-poet, we want to inspire and equip you to fulfill the gospel commission. Because we are all called to tell His story and make disciples.

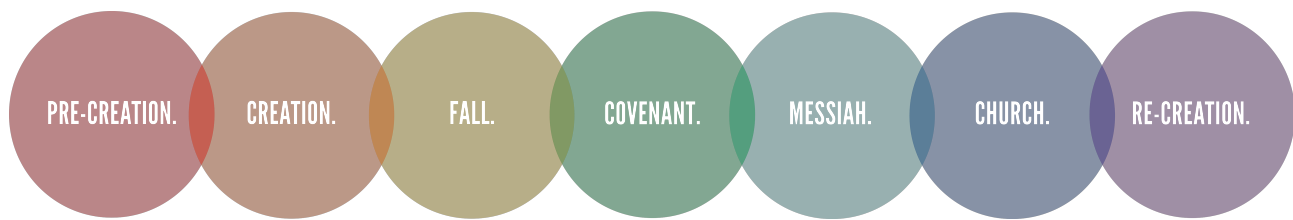
THE STORY

The Bible is the most incredible book ever written. It's full of stories, poetry, prophecies, songs, science, romance, history, and much more. However, because of this astounding diversity, we often view the Bible the same way we view a church potluck: some things look amazing, some intriguing, and some are downright scary. And we can't seem to find a common thread tying any of it together.

At ARISE, we believe the Bible isn't just a list of ethics or a collection of random stories and historical documents. Rather, it is one big story—the story. From Genesis to Revelation, Old Testament to New, it's a grand narrative of God redeeming humanity and revealing His character through His Son, Jesus Christ. We've titled our curriculum *The Story* because we believe the Bible is best understood when we keep this framework in mind. Seeing the Bible as a story gives us a clearer picture of who God is, what He's like, and what His plan is for the world and for each of us individually. It also gives us a clear direction and sense of place when we study the Bible. Everything in Scripture fits somewhere in the narrative.

The story also changes us experientially. As we study, the Bible reveals our role in the story, showing us where we've come from, where we are, and where we're going. And by extension, we learn how to teach others where they've come from, where they are, and where they're going, which is essentially what it means to be a disciple-making disciple.

We've divided *The Story* into seven chronological chapters: Pre-Creation, Creation, Fall, Covenant, Messiah, Church, and Re-Creation. These seven chapters are bookended by two collections of classes that we call the Prologue and the Telling. From beginning to end, the course is designed to show God's love as the primary theme running throughout all of Scripture.



CURRICULUM

With over 180 hours of content (and counting), *The Story* could feel pretty daunting. But—good news!—it doesn't have to, because we created this handy-dandy curriculum guide. It's basically a breakdown of the classes included in each chapter. Each class listed contains multiple sessions (videos).

PROLOGUE

So, why story? What difference does it make? Prologue makes the case for the power of story and lays the framework and foundation for a narrative approach to Scripture.

The Power of Story
The Story of the Book
The Book of the Story

Fall

God's plan was beautiful, but something went terribly wrong. His love was rejected and the freedom He gave humanity was abused. Chapter 3 dissects how this fall from love has made our world what it is today and sets the stage for the rest of Scripture.

Origin of Evil
Theodicy
The Fall and the Falling

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Pre-Creation

Most of us have read the Bible's opening line, "In the beginning God created . . ." But what was He doing before that? What kind of God is He? Chapter 1 of The Story introduces us to who God is and His eternal nature of other-centered love.

Who Is God?
Worldviews

Creation

Love naturally finds expression, and God's love was expressed in the creation of humanity. Chapter 2 paints a picture of the world as God originally intended it to be: overflowing with complete joy, beauty, and freedom.

Genesis 1 & 2
Sabbath
Evolution: A Brief Critique
The Story of Health
What's Health Got to Do with It?
How to Know God

Covenant

After the Fall, God does the unthinkable. He makes a promise—a covenant—to save humanity and keep loving us at any cost to Himself. Chapter 4 traces the history of God's covenantal faithfulness and humanity's consistent failure to live in light of God's promise.

Abraham and the Covenant
An Intro to the Law
The Sanctuary
The Prophets
Daniel
Old and New Covenants

Messiah

Chapter 5 introduces us to the God who not only makes a promise but keeps it too: Messiah. The Old Testament is filled with story after story of human failure to keep covenant with God. So God Himself became one of us, doing for us what we could never do for ourselves.

The Anointed One
Nature of Christ
The Science of Salvation
Calvary
The Resurrection of Christ
The Faith of Jesus

Church

As the disciples shared the good news of God's covenantal faithfulness, they turned the world upside down with the gospel. This is the church. Chapter 6 explains God's mission for His people and how He will see it through to completion.

Acts and the Holy Spirit
How We Got the Bible
Your Role in the Church
Romans
Church History
Building Community
Conflict Resolution
Adventist History
Spirit of Prophecy
Paradigm Shift
Revelation and the Church

Re-Creation

The story starts in a perfect world and ends in a perfect world. Chapter 7 reveals how God will wipe out evil once and for all, and then recreate the earth so that it is again filled with eternal beauty, love, and freedom.

The Healing Power of God's Love
Revelation and the New Jerusalem
The World Our Hearts Long For
The Cubed City

THE TELLING

When it comes to sharing the story, it's not just about what you do but how you do it. Good stories need good storytellers. More practical in nature, these classes are intended to get into the real-life praxis of ministry. Students learn how to translate the why of discipleship to the how of disciple-making, the in-class theory to real-life experience.

Sharing Your Story
How to Study the Bible
How to Preach
Apologetics
From Heart to Heart
How to Give a Bible Study
The 5-Verse Bible Study
Meeting People Where They Are
Grappling with the Old Testament

LEARNING PATHS

ARISE Online is self-driven. You will get out of it what you put into it.

Individually you will be supported by an online community, but if you choose to join OAC, we are offering a hybrid 10 month schedule supported by local study groups. This will require 4-6 hours per week to engage with the video content, quizzes and group discussions. Does that seem daunting? We've even created an ARISE lite track requiring just 2 hours per week so even the busiest person can participate.