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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

The Big Story
Consummation

Bible Readings

Isaiah 55

Isaiah 56

Isaiah 61

Isaiah 65:17-25



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the theme of consummation in the Bible.
- Express the meaning of the story.
- Apply your learning from the story to your own life.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What does "consummation" look like?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

Consider the following synonyms for consummation & design a picture or symbol that depicts consummation:

- Accomplishment
- Achievement
- Close
- Conclusion
- Culmination
- Curtain
- Finale
- Fulfilment
- Last word
- Omega
- Outcome
- Perfection
- Realisation
- Upshot
- Windup
- Wrap-up

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Isaiah 65 : 17 – 25

Redemption changes everything. Jesus brings clarity to the crisis in the story of God. Creation has been bought back, the payment for sin has been satisfied and separation between the created and the Creator has been overcome.

The story has been set up to finish in a way we would never have expected. All seemed lost; we could not arrange, plan, or even imagine, our own way out of the mess we were in, and then Jesus stepped into the story and saved the day.

The final episode has only been made possible through the redemption that Jesus brought through His life, death and resurrection. Because of Him, new creation is possible, long life is promised, fear and corruption will no longer reign, unhindered connection with the Creator is granted, harm and destruction will no longer be a part of this new world.

Consummation – finality, completion, perfection – the bringing together of “all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28) – a time to come? Yes, but paid for now.

The question for humanity remains “Will we be a part of God’s final episode called consummation?” Will you be written into the story of God?

You can be.

You may wish to this question further with your coach.

Explore – Express

As a group, choose seven colours that represent consummation, and discuss what these colours speak of.

- Why did you choose these colours?
- What do you hope will be included in God's final episode?
- What questions arise for you from this episode?
- In what way does this episode make you want to live differently?

Explore – Integrate

- What strikes you from the readings?
- Do you think a final chapter in a story is important? Why / why not?
- What do you wonder about from this part of God's story?
- In what way is this part of the story helpful to you?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another member of the group what you hope for when God's final episode comes.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Finish with the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,*

Amen