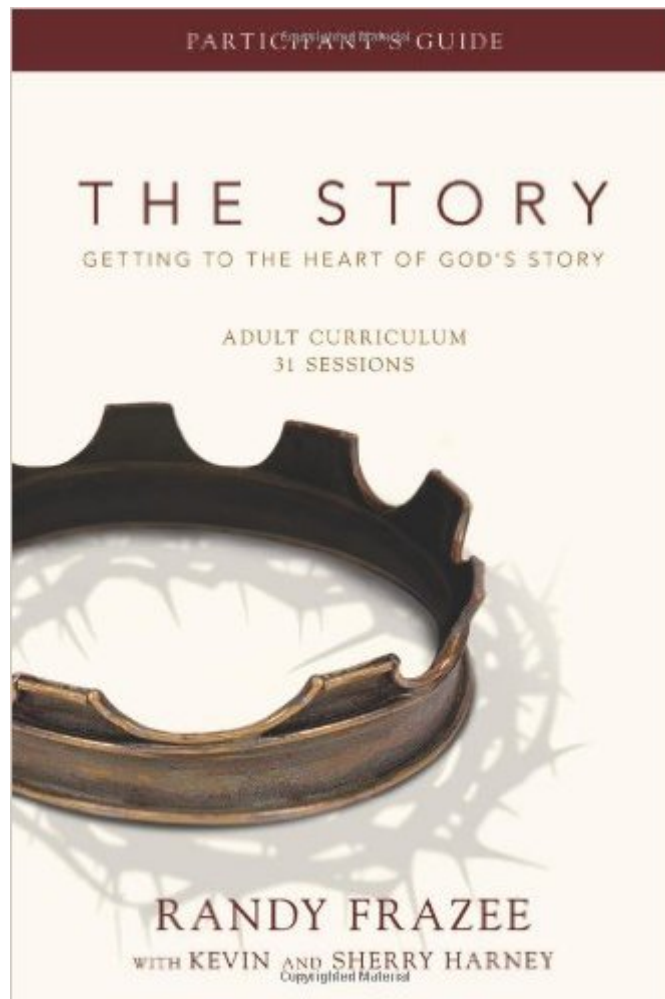


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# The Story Adult Curriculum Participant's Guide: Getting To The Heart Of God's Story



## Synopsis

The Story small group Bible study, by Randy Frazee, provides groups of all sizes the opportunity to discuss and apply what they experienced during the 31 week The Story church campaign. To understand the Bible, says Frazee, you need bifocal lenses, because two perspectives are involved. The Lower Story, our story, is actually many stories of men and women interacting with God in the daily course of life. The Upper Story is God's story, the tale of his great, overarching purpose that puts the individual stories together like panels in one unified mural. In 31 sessions, The Story video-based small group study opens your eyes to God's master plan unfolding in the lives of the Bible's characters-and in your own life. Discover the heart of God's Upper Story, and the joy that comes as you align your story with God's. The Story Participant Guide and DVD (sold separately) are designed for use by groups of all sizes, including small groups and Sunday school and adult education classes, for each of the 31 weeks of The Story church-wide journey.

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## Customer Reviews

I have been leading a small group with 14 participants for three weeks on The Story. I purchased only one Participant Guide initially, based on the single review I had read. Before the first session, I photocopied the first lesson in the guide (don't condemn me yet) and distributed it to each participant. After the session was completed, I circulated my copy of the Guide within the group for the purpose of asking participants whether or not they might want to purchase their own copy. We had some discussion about this, and all (yes, all) felt that the opportunity to contemplate the questions (perhaps several times during the week) after doing the weekly readings in The Story NIV

text would enhance the discussion at our sessions. Consequently, I ordered 13 more copies. After a couple more weekly group sessions, it is apparent to me that the discussions have become more lively and penetrating. I think this approach has benefited my group. Granted that all groups are dynamically different, and that this approach may likewise not be suitable in all situations, my suggestion is to review the material and think this through carefully before you purchase multiple copies of this Guide. In my case, after 3 weeks, I think this is an excellent small group program, and the materials are very well done. 31 weeks is a long time, but if the first 3 lessons is a good indicator for my group, the time will go by quickly. The DVD is also very well done, and Randy Frazee is a superb storyteller and facilitator. There are more materials available for this program which I am not using and therefore cannot comment on, but I highly recommend the three main sources: The NIV Text, the Participant Guide, and the DVD.

This "The Story" is wonderful. I am a member at Shoreline Church, home of The Harney's and we have adopted this teaching for our entire congregation. I for one have never read the bible all the way through.... I usually just read through whatever is brought up during services. I really like the participants guide as it really makes you think and it also helps bring things into perspective for TODAY and our own personal lives. I hope you all give it a go, you will not regret it. Thank you and God Bless.

The book and the DVD really give a good overview of the bible and how God has worked throughout history to bring humanity back into a loving relationship with Himself. A bit too light for the mature Christian who is very skilled in the bible, but it's a nice refresher for us all. Definitely a must have for the new Christian who seeks to understand God and His Word better. I didn't care much for the participant guide, though which is why I gave this only 3 stars. Found the questions a bit boring, but I guess it is good for a group setting and helps to foster conversation. We did this study at home, so I don't know if I would recommend the guide for self-study purposes. All in all the book and DVD are really good.

The Story is an excellent book that gives a big picture view of the Bible. It is basically the Bible written in a novel format. Our church is studying The Story and our family has been reading it and watching the DVD series. This has completely enhanced our understanding of the Bible and our walk with the Lord. They have a teen series and a children's series as well. I recommend this to everyone!

I have studied the Bible for over 34 years, often for many, many hours at a time. This Bible study has been an incredible blessing for me. The Holy Spirit has given the people that produced this Bible study some incredible insights that have deeply enriched many of our lives as we have gone through the book, study guide, and video together. I highly recommend this Bible study for anyone and everyone that desires not just more Bible knowledge, but rather, a deeper relationship with the LORD. Take your time, and let God's word deeply penetrate your heart and your mind. You will be marvelously surprised and the wonderful transformation God will do in your life as you do. Now I am even more hungry for God. Looking for higher ground.... Soar with eagles

My church (about 30 adults) started this program about 5 weeks ago. So far all the teachers think it is going very well. The "helps" are great and the young children are very involved. The concept of having all the different age groups hearing/studying the same material sure seems to be working. The Story, NIV: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People

This is a great companion book to the main book and video. This book makes you think seriously about what you just read and heard by asking questions concerning each chapter. Our pastors are preaching on it each Sunday, in Bible Study we discuss each chapter and talk about it. It is such a great way to get to know and understand the Holy Bible even better and by that bringing us closer to our God!

Having grown up with great reading difficulties, I love this book. I am able to read the "story" from creation on and form a picture in my understanding of how it all comes together. For those of us who are not the sharpest tool in the drawer, it's a wonderful way to understand the simple facts. Thank you to the writer!

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