

# **Narratives in the Bible (part 1): *What's the Big Picture?***

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## **I. What is a narrative?**

## **II. Narrative is a \_\_\_\_\_ of stories.**

## **III. Narrative has three main components:**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_: events that happen
- B. \_\_\_\_\_: people involved in the event
- C. \_\_\_\_\_: the place (time and space) where the event occurs.

## **IV. Why a workshop on narrative?**

- A. Because the Bible is full of narrative
- B. Because narrative is unique
- C. Because the Bible is THE narrative

## **V. What is the story of Scripture?**

Let's think about 5 concepts to find the answer:

- Think about how it begins.
- Think about how it ends.

- Think about the conflict in the middle.
- Think about the climax of the conflict.
- Think about the resolution of the conflict.

**VI. A few resources that attempt to unfold the Bible's big picture (metanarrative).**

- *The God Who is There* by D.A. Carson
- *From Creation to New Creation: Understanding the Bible Story* by Tim Chester
- *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* by Kevin DeYoung
- *The Big-Picture Story Bible* by David Helm
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones