

THE THREAD

DESCRIPTION: THE BIBLE. IT'S GOD'S WORD. IT'S HOLY SCRIPTURE. WE KNOW THAT IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR OUR LIVES. BUT SOMETIMES IT CAN SEEM OVERWHELMING. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE. THIS VIDEO HELPS SHOW THE AMAZING THREAD THAT RUNS THROUGH SCRIPTURE, AND CHALLENGES US TO PICK THIS THREAD UP BY DIGGING IN TO GOD'S WORD. THIS VIDEO HELPS YOU CREATIVELY CHALLENGE OTHERS TO EMBRACE THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE THAT RUNS THROUGH THE BIBLE.

Show the Video

Discuss

- When you think about the Bible, about studying it, and about reading it, what are some thoughts that come to mind?
- What keeps us from knowing the Bible as well as we should?
- Why don't we tend to think of the Bible as one big narrative, God's story given to us? Why do we think about it as all these chopped up pieces?
- In your own words, describe the story the Bible tells.

Close with the Word

- Have students turn to Psalm 119. Explain that this is an amazing psalm that deals solely with God's Word. Read or have a student read Psalm 119:172-174.
- Then, ask:
 - o When we talked about our thoughts toward Scripture earlier, did any one mention singing about the Bible? What does this say about the way the psalmist feels about God's Word?
 - o Sometimes, we can make our faith only about following rules. When we do this, God's commands become burdensome. But what does this passage say about God's commands?
 - *Answer:* They are righteous; the psalmist has "chosen" to follow them. God's law makes him delight.
 - o Do you delight in God's Word? If not why not? What needs to happen for you to begin to "delight" in it?
 - o God has given the Bible to us so that we could know Him and His ways. What changes do you need to make in your life to begin to read the Bible more?
- Remind students about the theme of the video. Remind them that they have a choice: they can choose to continue to be in the dark about what they believe (which is really no way to believe at all), or they can choose to truly embrace knowing God's Word. Challenge your students to commit to a greater love for the Bible.