

## **What is the world coming to?**

### **Recap**

This is the end of our series of “The Big Story” and we have looked at the beginning of God’s story the thing that went wrong and how Jesus came and started making things right by plugging humans back into the love and the life of God through His life, death and resurrection. We are now coming to the end of the story and our part in it!

### **A wrong idea**

As a child and young teenager the last thing I wanted was to go to heaven. How boring it sounded that we float up to the sky sit on clouds and play harps the whole time, every so often walk along the streets of gold but not really take any of it in because we are there for ETERNITY, we’d get so used to everything. To me heaven sounded like the dullest place ever. Some songs we sing seemed to emphasize this for me, the most recent one, for instance, is 10000 reasons which Matt Redman sings the lyrics go like this; “And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come, still my soul will, sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years, and then forevermore, forevermore.” And don’t get me wrong overall I quite enjoy the song but if I didn’t know any better I would believe that when I die all I’m going to do is sing for 10000 years and forever more.

One of the things I got wrong with that way of thinking is to think that as a Christian I was just biding my time on Earth till I could go to heaven and that time in this world was wasted.

There are a few different ways to view heaven and the coming Kingdom of God and as interesting as that is to explore I would take hours to talk about it today and then I wouldn’t get to talk about what I actually want to talk about.

**- We get to be a part of what Jesus is doing to fix the broken world.**

The really amazing thing about Jesus fixing the brokenness in people is that's not all He is fixing; He is also fixing all the brokenness in the whole world.

And when he returns he will finish fixing everything.

And the other really amazing thing about this is that we get to be a part of this!

Because Jesus is the second Adam, the smart phone that gives all the other smart phones the anti virus. And because we get what Jesus gets.

It means we get to be a part of spreading the anti virus to everything.

We are being fixed so that we can also be part of what Jesus is doing, and he is fixing everything.

**- Everything means that we all have different things to do.**

What is cool is that because Jesus is fixing everything, and we get to be a part of it, that means there are lots of different things to be a part of fixing.

And God has given us passions and interests in different things.

I bet everyone in this room has interesting things they love doing.

And I also bet everyone has seen something in the world which they wish was fixed.

**- Sports analogy**

It kind of like sports, who here plays sports? (ask kids what different sports they play).

Now you wouldn't say that netball is the only sport and that all the others aren't actually sport right?

And that anyone who doesn't play netball isn't actually a sports person?

There are lots of different things we love in the world and that Jesus is fixing and will fix.

So just like soccer, rugby, netball tennis, and any other sport you can think of are all sport.

All the things we love and want to see fixed in the world are also things Jesus is fixing, and lets us help Him in fixing.

When I was little, about 5 years old, I loved nature and conservation. And I still do.

I knew everything there was to know about frogs, they where my favorite animal.

And because I love trees and nature and wildlife, when people destroy nature that makes me really sad, and makes me want to be a part of fixing it.

And guess who loves nature as well, and who will fix all the brokenness that has happened to it? Jesus.

Someone else might really love business, and love giving people jobs, and treating his customers fairly, so they get things at a good price.

He also might care about not getting rich by making other people poor.

And it might make him very sad when he sees people being ripped off, and under paid and made poor just so someone else can be made rich.

And guess who else cares about all those things? Jesus.

**- Final fix**

In Gods Story we are in the part kind of like in the Lion King after Simba has defeated Scar, but things haven't all been made good yet. There are still hyenas in the land and everything hasn't grown back yet.

Jesus has killed death and spread the anti virus. But everything won't be fully fixed until he comes back.

But we are to be part of the fixing and we are to show everyone and the whole world what its like to be plugged into the love and life of God though Jesus.

**- Show Jesus Story book bible Dvd: 4. 12. A dream of heaven.**