



Growing leaders
who make disciples

Track: Understanding and Explaining
the mission of God

Chronological Bible Overview

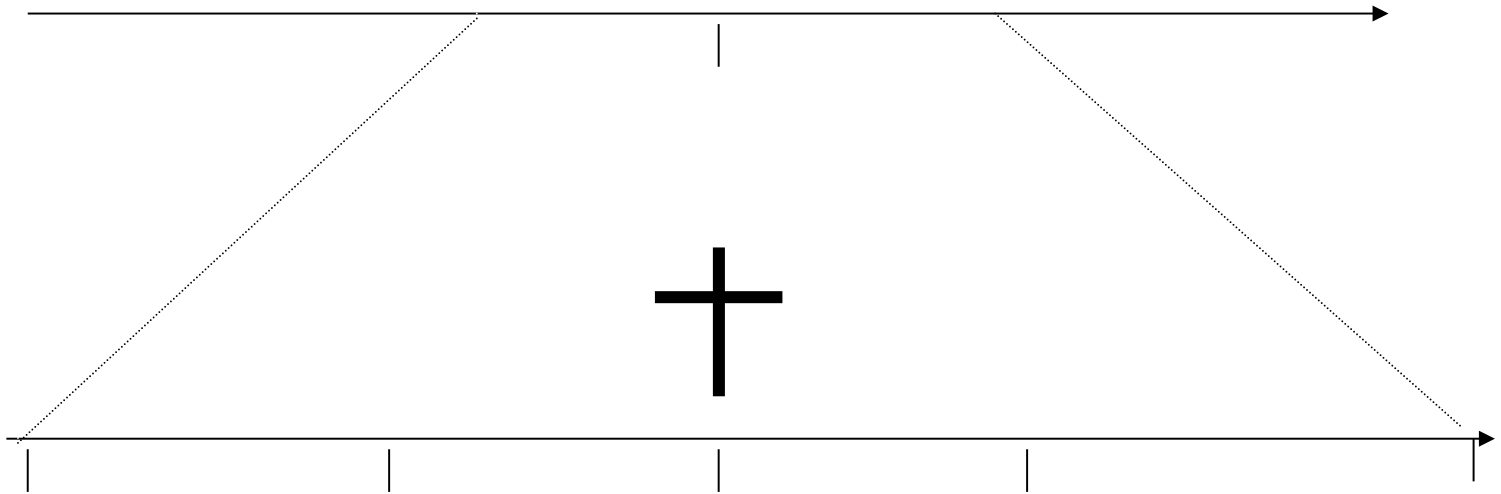
Session One - The Mission introduced (Genesis 1-11)

The Big Story...



The essential plot

Creation Rebellion Redemption 2nd coming New Creation



Call of
Abraham

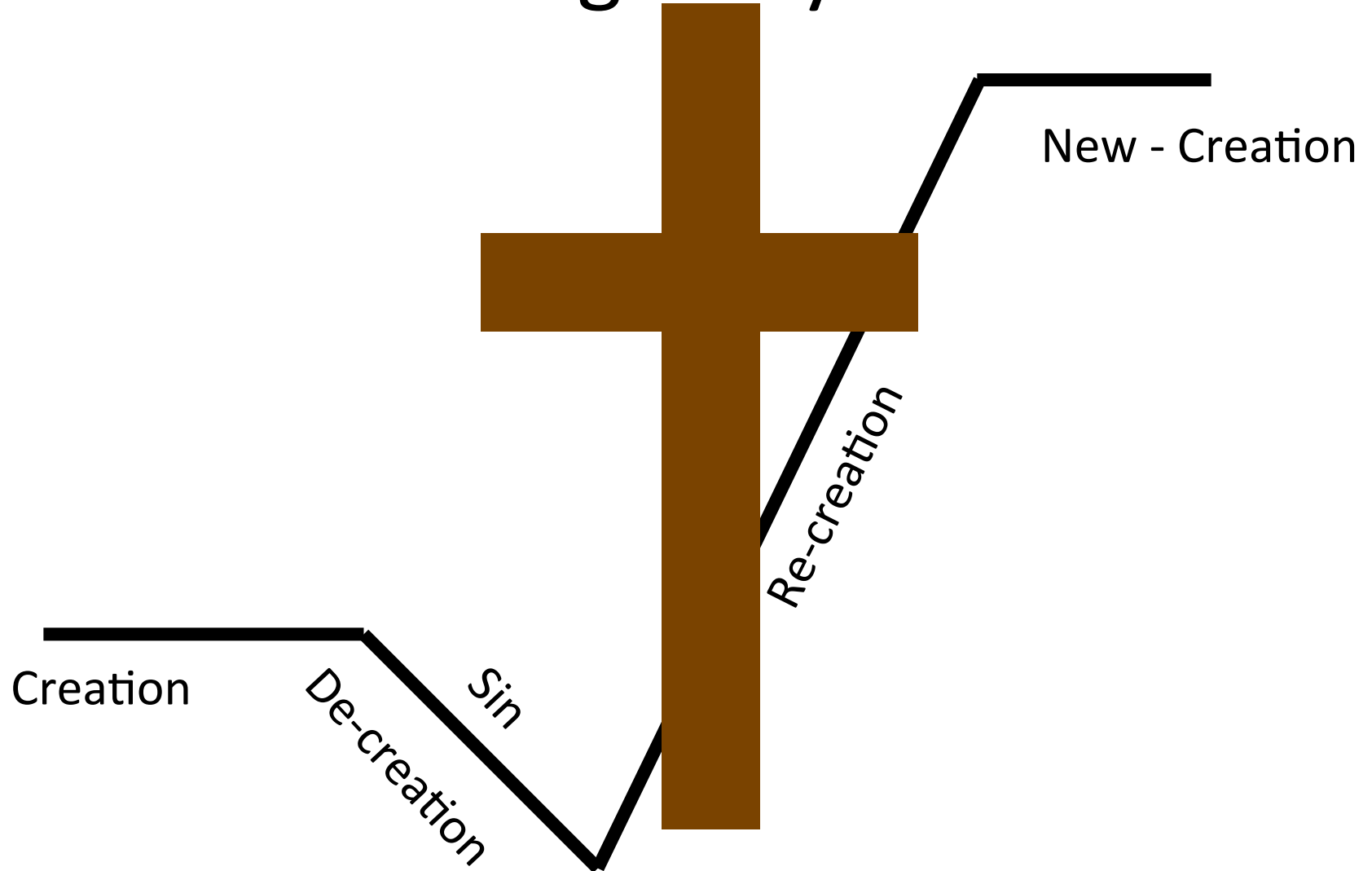
Exodus &
Sinai

Cross &
Resurrection

Pentecost

2nd Coming

The big story...



The mission of God

- *Groups Gen 12:1-7*

What are the three main elements of God's promise to Abraham?

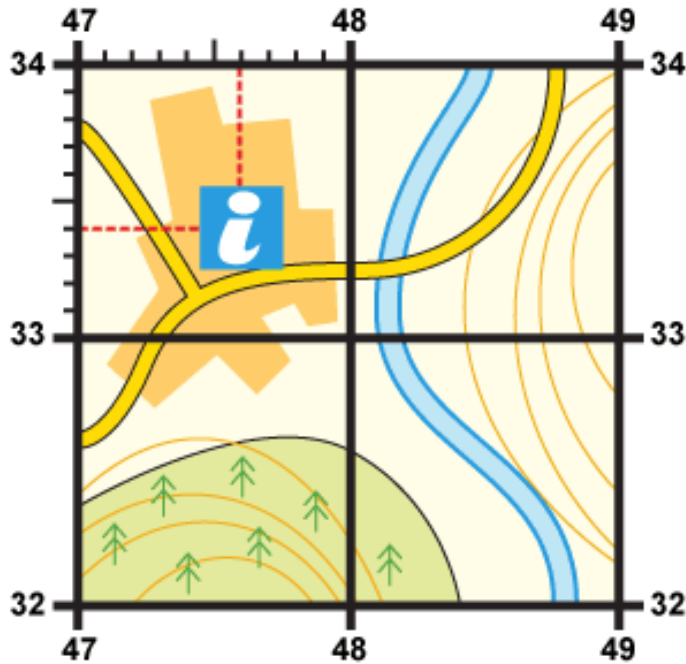
- ~~What are the three main elements of God's~~
- *A nation/people*
- *A blessing from God through which all nations will be blessed*
- *A land for the nation to live in (7)*

Setting our compass



- *God blesses a people as his own to make the a blessing in the nations*

Getting your bearings



- *God's people*
- *In the place of his presence*
- *Receiving his covenant blessing*

...a 3-dimensional grid
reference for our
journey

Reflections on creation

- A purposed creation
- A perfect creation
- A process of creation

Structure in Genesis 1

Forming what was formless		Filling what was empty
Day 1: light	→	Day 4: lights
Day 2: waters & sky	→	Day 5: fish & birds
Day 3: ground & vegetation	→	Day 6: animals & people

Reflections on creation

- A purposed creation
- A perfect creation
- A process of creation
- The pinnacle of creation

In the image of God...

- Relational humanness
- Gendered humanness
- Creative and aesthetic humanness
- Rational humanness
- Responsible humanness
- Worshipping humanness

Eden: The pattern of the Kingdom

- God's people
- ...in the place of his presence
- ...receiving his covenant blessing

Lenton Hurst, Nottingham Uni, 1980's...



...glorious but tragically spoiled

Group discussion

Read Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7.

What steps led Adam & Eve into rebellion against God?

The Fall – the Perished Kingdom

God's people

...in the place of his presence

...not blessed (broken covenant) and therefore
not a blessing

A note of hope!

Genesis 3:15 – the *protoeuangelium*

One man from the woman's offspring (the Victor)...

...will crush the serpent's head (redemption)

But the serpent will strike his heel (suffering)

From Adam to Abraham

Genesis 4-11

Gen 4 – Cain & Abel

Gen 5 – Genealogy

Gen 6-9 – Flood

Gen 11 – Babel

Preparing to pass it on...

- Use the 3D grid reference to explain to each other the essentials of
 - Creation (Gen 1-2)
 - Fall (Gen 3)
 - The mission of God (Gen 12:1-7)