

THE BIG STORY: TAKE TWO

Small Group Discussion Guide

1. Spend a few moments talking openly about Sunday's message. Discuss any questions, issues, or struggles you had with the material.
2. Has there ever been a time in your life when you questioned if God is really good?
3. Take a few minutes discussing the differences between the Big Story and the way the average person views life on earth.

Life on earth is a test that determines whether you go to heaven or hell.

God is repairing what we've broken
—the bond between God and man,
heaven and earth.

4. What are some common misconceptions about the story of Noah's Ark?
5. *"But all the stars and the mountains and the oceans and the galaxies and everything were nothing compared to how much God loved his children. He would move heaven and earth to be near them. Always. Whatever happened, whatever it cost him, he would always love them."* - Sally Lloyd-Jones

Why is it so important to remember this part of the Big Story as we read Noah's Ark?

6. Spend a few minutes discussing this quote from *The Skeleton's In God's Closet*.
"Hell is not a chamber God locks from the outside, it's a closet we lock from the inside."

How does this relate to the story of Noah's Ark?

**The Big Story is not about a God who sits on his throne
choosing who comes in and who's cast out.
It's a story about a God who left his throne to rescue those
who have pushed him out.**