**Planning to Grow**

**God's Plan in Scripture**

**God’s Plan in the Gospels**

**I. Jesus is AWESOME because He is the fulfillment of scriptural promises of a coming King (Matthew)**

A. Jesus is royalty

B. Jesus is born of a virgin

C. Jesus returns from Egypt

D. The mission of John the Baptist

E. Jesus brings sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and freedom to those who are captive

F. Jesus is put to death in fulfillment of the Scripture

**II. Jesus is AWESOME because He is the Suffering Servant come to ransom you and me (Mark)**

**Mark 8:27-29** - *Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?” They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.” And He continued by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”*

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| Unit #1 | Passion Prediction (8:31)* Suffering
* Death
* Rise Again
 | Disciples’ reaction (8:32-33)* Rebuke
 | Discipleship Lessons1. Followers of Jesus deny themselves and take up their cross (8:34-38)
2. Cost and hope of discipleship (9:1-13)
3. Dependence on God through prayer (9:14-29)
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| Unit #2 | Passion Prediction (9:30-31)* Suffering
* Death
* Rise Again
 | Disciples’ Reaction (9:32)* Confusion
 | Discipleship Lessons1. The Greatest is the greatest servant (9:33-37)
2. Disciples must be characterized by humility (9:38-50)
3. Disciples fulfill God’s plan for marriage (10:1-12) -- Problem of self interest
4. Disciples understand they enter empty handed (10:13-31)—Problem of Self Achievement
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| Unit #3 | Passion Prediction (10:32-34)* Suffering
* Death
* Rise Again
 | Disciples’ Reaction (10:35-41)* Request for honor
 | Discipleship Lessons1. Importance of Servanthood (10:42-45)
2. Importance of Following Jesus (10:46-52)
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**Mark 10:45** - *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*

**III. Jesus is AWESOME because we can be confident in Jesus’ story (Luke)**

**Luke 1:1-4** - *Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.*

**IV. Jesus is AWESOME because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John)**

**John 20:30-31** - *Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*