

### **How to Read the Bible: Plot**

When you pick up your Bible what do you expect you are reading? Narrative? Owner's manual to life? Old stories that don't mean much?

How does understanding the Bible as a narrative change your understanding of Scripture?

Do you typically take the context of the stories in the Bible into consideration as you read?

What are some ways that you can intentionally focus on the context of the stories?

Try to think about one of the stories in the Bible that you know well. Can you trace the context of the story through the larger narrative that it helps to tie together? Example: Gideon shows how the Judges are not the best leaders for Israel, but God uses him anyway.