I. (FILL-IN & DISCUSSION) Whose story is this?

“Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.” (Isaiah 46:9-11)

“This is one of those verses that through me into a large cocoon. It could be one of the largest cocoons I’ve ever been in. But it was wrestling with this issue…that God appears in His Word to us, as One who is in control…the word is SOVEREIGN.” (Dr. Tackett)

a. Why do you think this was such a large cocoon for Dr. Tackett?

   It wasn’t that Dr. Tackett didn’t understand what the Scriptures revealed about God…it was what it revealed it about himself…that he was full of pride and a desire to be in control.

b. Therefore, whose story is it? (Gal. 4:4-5)

   “His-story”…God’s story or plan

II. (FILL-IN & DISCUSSION) A Little Test:

   8:59 = a TIME
   1859 = a YEAR (Origin of the Species)
   1  = the number ONE
   11  = the number ELEVEN
   911  = AN EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER
   9/11  = The date Trade Towers were attacked by Muslim terrorists

a. What’s the Point of this exercise… “How in the world...does all of sudden a culture go from nine hundred and eleven to ‘911’?

   We have been taught!

   A Principle: “What you believe in the present is determined by the past.” (Dr. Tackett)

   It’s why God always comes to His people and says “remember”
III. **(FILL-IN & DISCUSSION)** Examples:

a. *I, Rigoberta Menchú: An Indian Woman in Guatemala*

Several claims in Menchú’s autobiography have been either called into question or simply debunked, but a university professor during the ensuing controversy said: “…whether her book is true I don’t care, what is important is that we teach our students about the brutality of the Guatemalan military, the horrors of capitalism” etc...

i. “What is that professor’s position on history?” and why is that an example of our earlier principle?

The professor thinks history is a tool that can be changed if it will make it easier to further her agenda in the present…in other words history can be rewritten.

“Why should I spend the time, and effort, and energy in the present laying out the pros and the cons trying to convince someone of a particular position…when all I have to do is fiddle with the past and make you believe what I want in the present?” (Dr. Tackett)

b. The Mayflower Compact (November 11, 1620)

   New School Version:
   “We whose names are underwritten...
   having undertaken, a voyage to plant the first colony...”

   The Real Version:
   **IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.**
   We whose names are underwritten...
   **FOR THE GLORIE OF GOD, AND ADVANCEMENTE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH...**
   having undertaken, a voyage to plant the first colony...”

i. “Does it matter if you simply take a few words out of history?” (Dr. Tackett)

   Of course it matters, because it changes the “true” picture of history.

   If I can change your historical context, I can change the way you view the present

   This is the **POWER** of Historical Revisionism

IV. **(FILL-IN)** This is Not New

a. Satan’s first words: “Did God really say” (a statement from the past)

b. What happens if we rewrite the history of where man came from? (imago-deo vs. imago-goo)

   c. How about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection? (Matt. 28:11-15; 1 Cor. 15:14-19)

   (20:22) **Historical Revisionism** is simply a **LIE**

   “If you can rewrite the past, you can make people believe whatever you want in the present” (Dr. Tackett)
V. **(FILL-IN)** Veracity of God’s Word
   a. Ancient works and their oldest manuscripts:
      - Homer’s Iliad 500 years
      - Julius Caesar’s Gallic Wars 1,000 years
      - Pliny’s History 750 years
      - Thucydides’ History 1,300 years
      - Herodotus’ History 1,300 years
      - New Testament 25 years
   
   b. Number of early manuscripts:
      i. Homer’s Iliad 643
      ii. Julius Caesar’s Gallic Wars 10
      iii. Pliny’s History 7
      iv. Thucydides’ History 8
      v. Herodotus’ History 8
      vi. New Testament 24,000
   
   c. With so much evidence… “Why is it that you and I and the people around us are led to believe that you can’t trust this [the Bible] to be historically accurate?” (Dr. Tackett)

      First, it is because the Bible can only be truly understood by those who are saved and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Secondly, our education, science, and entertainment industries are dominated by non-believers who desperately want to deny that there is a God and He therefore has a call on their lives.

      “He who controls the past, controls the future.” (George Orwell)

      “A people without a heritage are easily persuaded.” (Karl Marx)

      “If you could come in and rewrite the history of a people you could change what they believe in the present” (Dr. Tackett)

VI. God’s Mandate to Remember
   a. Memorial Stones (Josh. 4:1-7 & Judges 2:6-15; Isa. 44)
   b. Tassels (Num. 15:38-39; Deut. 22:12)
   c. Passover (Ex. 12:24-27; Deut. 4:9; 6:4-12)
   d. The Feasts God Instituted

   **REMEMBERING** what we should forget
   **OUR PROBLEM**
   **FORGETTING** what we should remember