

## THE BIG STORY COURSE TERMINOLOGY

### Session 1: Overview

- Secular/ Secularization - The process by which spheres and aspects of life are set apart or quarantined from the sacred.
- Sacred - Any location that has been identified and designated as distinct from its surroundings, generally with religious or spiritual connotations attached. It is often looked upon as a place of encounter with the divine and therefore as a designation to which people go with clearly defined expected outcomes in mind.
- Vocation - The word vocation derives from the Latin vocare "to call." The work in which a person is employed.
- Piety - It denotes godliness, reverence, dutifulness and devotion.
- Shalom - a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility.
- Protagonist - The main character of a story.
- Antagonist - An adversary in a story.
- Atonement - The reconciliation of God and humankind through Jesus Christ.
- Modernity - the self-definition of a generation about its own technological innovation, governance, and socioeconomics.
- Ethics - Loving what God loves.
- Eschatology - Branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world of or humankind.
- Missio Dei - It is a Latin theological term that can be translated as the "mission of God," or the "sending of God."