**Lesson 6 – History: Whose Story?**

1. **Introduction – Why is History important?**
	1. Gazing upon the face of God
		1. Isaiah 46 – "Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God ...My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please ...what I have planned, that will I do."
		2. Galatians 4:4-5 – "But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son ..."
	2. History Quiz – The significance of 911 and 9/11 – What you believe in the present is determined by your past - History, in this context, becomes extremely critical
2. **Historical Revisionism – The danger and power of it!**
	1. Rigoberta Menchu – Professor: "Whether her book is true or not, I don't care" – "what is important is getting students to believe what we want in the present"
	2. Revising the Mayflower Compact – God is being left out of contemporary academia
	3. Power of Historical Revisionism – "If you rewrite the past, you can make people believe whatever you want in the present"
		1. Lies about History are not new
			1. In the garden - "Did God really say?"
			2. The resurrection – "His disciples stole the body" – Matthew 28:11-15
		2. Veracity of Scripture – Dating and number of historical manuscripts
3. **God's Mandate to Remember**
	1. Memorial Stones – Joshua 4:1-7
	2. Tassels – Numbers 15:38-39, Deuteronomy 22:12
	3. Feasts – Ex. Passover – Exodus 12:24-27, Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:4-12
	4. Deuteronomy 8:10-20 – "Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God ..."
4. **Battle over History**
	1. Nature of the Battle – Ultimately it is against the nature of God – 2 Corinthians 10:3
	2. God's Sovereign Rule – His providential plan and sovereign control for mankind
		1. Acts 4:27-28 – To do whatever your plan had predestined to take place
		2. 1 Kings 22:28-34 – Story of Ahab and the "random arrow"
	3. Postmodernism & Cultural rejection of metanarratives – "There is no larger story"
5. **The Larger Story**
	1. Del's Photo Album – Many little stories that weave together the story of life
	2. Natural Myopia – Nearsightedness – We lose sight of the larger story of God
	3. God's Photo Album – People who were caught up in the grand story of God
	4. Pilgrim's Providential View of History – "They cherished a great hope and inward zeal of laying good foundations ...even though they should be but stepping stones to others in the performance of so great a work."
	5. A people who are caught up in their own little story will never be willing to lay themselves down as stepping stones for others