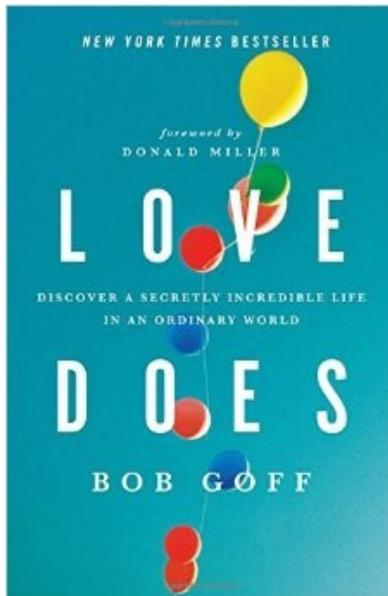


4. “What does it mean to you today to know that God desires you to be a part of the God Story? That God desires to be in relationship with you?” (p. 24) That God is creating with you?

“O God, thank you for writing me into your story. I find purpose in knowing that I am a part of the greatest story of all. Even if I am faced with uncertainty today help me to see how I am connected to you. I believe you are a God who still speaks, help me to hear your voice today” (p.24). I believe you are a God who still creates, help me to sense your new creation every day. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

FALL PREVIEW

Since it’s Valentine’s Day, we want to give you a quick preview of our fall worship/small group series, **Love Does**, and special guest Bob Goff, the book’s author!



Bob Goff is a lawyer, humanitarian, *New York Times* bestselling author, and Jesus-follower. His book *Love Does* shares stories from his life with examples of extravagant ways that we can **do** love, making love an active force in our lives. He will join us at the morning services on **Sunday, September 25**.

We look forward to studying *Love Does* as a whole church, as well as inviting our community to make a connection between beliefs and actions that will directly tie in to Compassion Week.



*Touching heaven, changing earth
with head, heart and hands*

**Sunday, February 14, 2016
Genesis 1:1-2, 26-2:4**

We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. Ponder them yourself, or discuss them with friends.

- In the Genesis 1 creation story, when creation is called “good,” what might that mean?
 - Aesthetically good: it is beautiful.
 - Structurally good: it will stand the course of time and nature.
 - Morally/ethically good: it is pure.
 - Theologically good: it is to be used for God’s intention amidst God’s great story.
- When have you realized that the God Story is a dynamic story, a continuing story?
 - When I realize that God’s creation continues to create—even land, through volcanic action.
 - When I experience the newness of life in nature and humanity.
 - When I sense God’s presence and direction in my life.
 - When I am drawn to a particular word, phrase, or story in the Bible that seems to “speak” just to me.
 - When I experience God’s love and compassion.
- As the God Story is the story of God perpetually creating, what is God doing in your life? What are you inviting God to create anew in your life, and how?

