

WHY BIBLE STORYING?

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What is Bible Storying?

Bible Storying is simply describing the events in the Bible just as they happened. It is telling the Bible in story form.

It is teaching the Bible through the stories of Scripture. Stories are easy to remember. They are easy to pass along. Stories are powerful.

Missionaries working among oral cultures with no written language were the first to use this method. It is now widely used around the world and is best known for its reproducibility. It is gaining popularity in the U.S., even among highly literate people.

Why Use Bible Storying?

There are three important advantages that make Bible Storying an excellent choice for any small group Bible study.

1. Bible Storying is biblical.
 2. Bible Storying has a proven track record.
 3. Bible Storying is easily reproduced.
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Bible Storying - A Personal Experience

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Bible Stories: A Foundation for Seminary

When I went to seminary, back in 1978, I realized that I had an advantage over a number of my fellow classmates. Many of them were relatively new believers. Some had even become believers during their college years and were attending seminary only a few years later.

My biblical education began as a child growing up in church. I had chosen to become a believer at the age of 10. Even at that young age, I had a deep understanding of the Bible that was based in years of Bible Stories that were part of the fabric of my life.

It was the Bible stories that gave me the foundation for my faith. The Bible was woven into my life, not learned. Doctrine was not abstract. It was the sum of years of Bible knowledge housed in Bible stories I had learned. Observing others as they lived

by these same biblical principles supported my understanding. Bible stories were the framework of my life and faith.

Bible Storying: A Foundation for Missionary Service

As missionaries we learned about Chronological Bible Storying, a strategy in which the stories from the Bible are told in the order that they happened. This method is especially useful among a people with no prior exposure to the Bible.

Bible Storying is an everyday tool for missionaries. It is a faithful presentation of the Bible. It has a proven track record through decades of missionary experience. And, it is easy to pass on to others. Bible Storying is evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development in one, easily transferable method.

Bible Storying: A Foundation for Children

When our children were young, my wife and I spent time teaching the Bible through stories told in chronological order. We had a timeline around the kitchen wall. We had fun reviewing what we were learning. The kids drew pictures to illustrate what they were learning. We introduced a new story every other day or two. Over time we taught the Bible through stories.

The fun we had provided a strong base for their lives. Jesus concludes His sermon of the mount with these words:

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!” (Matthew 7:24-27).

The biblical foundation laid down years ago is still evident in our children’s lives and their life choices as adults. Obedience (acting on the teachings of Jesus) begins with knowledge and understanding. Bible Stories provide the biblical knowledge we all need to obey Him.

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