Large and Small, Villages and Cities,
Churches Use STS

Testimonies of *Simply The Story* Effectiveness and Impact

**Pastor In Philippines Changes Mind**

[This pastor who wrote this testimony is not an English first language speaker. We kept this testimony as it came to us so you could enjoy its natural feel.]

I am surprise of the workshop because the first day I requested to the senior instructor to divide the people according to their level. I thought was the same to the seminars that I attended and Experiencing how difficult for the attendees who are not educated. The instructor was humbly obey to my instruction.

In the afternoon during the groupings I see that it was so different than what was my expectation about this workshop. I see that everyone can learned this system if you are educated or not . Because I am a pastor the stories that we study like Abraham about his wealth I preach many times to the people and I was taught that I am a good teacher but when I heard from the instructor when he gave the full model I was shy and convicted the way I preach those stories.

I experienced more deeper understanding to the word of God listening to voice God by doing sts way. I am thankful to God sending STS team in my place and I wanted to continue more to study this system so that I can share it to others also. God bless my heart hearing all the stories again convicted and I cry.

I pray that Ptr, EB will consider us to have bible school as what he called mobile bible school because I have 7-ptrs with me. I really use it when I am in my ministry I see in very eyes that
some of the church members are giving their treasures with tears in their eyes unlike before I see that people are sleeping inside of the church.

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**Sunday School Uses STS**

“STS has impacted the way I read the scriptures, prepare my sermons, and in my delivery of the sermon. My congregation is growing both spiritually and numerically as a result. I sometimes launch into a true STS style, but more often the insights I glean, the more “telling the story” way I communicate biblical truth helps the congregation capture the heart of what the Spirit is revealing to their hearts.

“I am now often told that my sermons are impacting because they are so "down to earth" and easily understood and applied.

“Our Sunday School teachers are trained in STS and find it effective in communicating the stories of the Bible. Of course, student participation is greatly enhanced.

“Thank you STS and the God's Story team."
“Blessings, Pastor Chris Johnson, Calvary Chapel Beaumont, CA

[If you would like to contact Pastor Chris to find out more on use of STS in a church environment, send an email us and we will endeavor to forward your request. Put in the subject line, "Want to contact Chris Johnson."

Hint: It would help the exchange to move more quickly if you wrote a short note on yourself and your interest in contacting Pastor Chris. ]

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**“Where You Have Been That You Did Not Come To Us Before?”**

“I have been impacted by the STS. Before I was telling stories but not like the way you have trained us. Our community is an oral one and they pass information to each other in story forms. STS is very ideal for us.

“I want to request that you help us in this kind workshop in other places we have planted
Churches

Churches. We have 332 churches in 7 different villages. I will take you to all of them to have the same workshop. We need this to help us evangelize the Muslims.

“I don’t know where you have been that you did not come to us before. We could have gone far than where we are now. I need this in all 332 churches and I am sure we will take the villages.

“I am also requesting you to help us with more players. You just gave us 12 of them. So each will be shared among 27 churches. Please help us the way you can. Evangelists and missionaries receive the players with God’s Story. I only distributed 12 players which will be shared among the 332 churches in 7 villages. This means each player is serving 27 churches.”

"They are already using STS stories in their preaching and ministries.”
Pastor in Ethiopia.
[Soon after the note above came to us through one of our wonderful STS instructors, the Lord supplied 200 players for this amazing national pastor.]

“In my 40 years of Bible study I had missed ...”

"I have been to several of these trainings and taught [STS now to] several to pastors/teachers on the mission field and in churches in the USA for Sunday school teachers. I feel it is one of the most effective ways to find treasures from God’s Word.

"As I learned and practiced and taught STS, I found that in my 40 years of Bible study I had missed many of the wonderful treasures God had put there for me.

"STS is very effective for ages 7–97 and from illiterate to PHD education levels. Amazingly all that mixture of age and education can be effectively taught in the same class. It’s a highly motivational teaching technique for missions around the world and especially for the generation who are more impacted by interactive stories than lectures in our USA churches.

"I recently taught Bible stories using STS to my young grandchildren and I was moved by their ability to find spiritual treasures for their lives."

Pastor Dallas, TX USA,