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Multiplication Strategies
Watching a skilled athlete is a thing of beauty. We thrill at the smoothness of the performance; the actions look easy. But if we try right then to imitate that athlete's skills, we find that we cannot duplicate their actions! A good storyteller using Simply The Story (STS) skills makes the storytelling look easy. But note, the skills the storyteller demonstrated developed from lots of training and practice.

If only the telling of a story was involved, not much training and practice would be needed. Yes, the successes and the failures of STS are based first on the interesting and accurate telling of the story. But beyond that, good STS storytellers know:

- How to find deep truths in the story and prepare questions.
- How to skillfully lead discussions.
- How to help people discover the spiritual treasures in a story and make personal applications.

Use of these skills in the delivery of God's Word leads many listeners to Jesus and ground them deeply in the Bible. In the academic world, we accept the fact that students spend one to four years in Bible school to learn how to teach and explain the Bible. But academic training for Simply The Story takes even more time and money. Considering the demonstrable success of STS in evangelism, church planting and discipleship, we would expect the STS instructors to spend time and money to gain their training skills as well.
Standard for Awarding Instructor Status for Simply the Story

We at The God’s Story Project want the understanding of the STS oral methods of preparing and sharing Scripture and of teaching STS to others to quickly travel across the world.

Two kinds of skills are needed to accomplish this task: the skills of an STS Practitioner and the skills of an STS Instructor.

After attending an official 3-day STS workshop, nearly all people are fair to good STS storyteller practitioners. To... time and practice. To be able to train others well in STS takes added skills; skills beyond those of a practitioner.

We Are VERY Serious About Training Instructors

We are serious about producing well-trained STS Instructors. We want them to carry everywhere the best that we offer. Our 30 STS staff come from many denominations and backgrounds, the common beliefs they all must have are represented by the Doctrinal Statement link located on the bottom of the home page.

As stated, workshop attendees do not automatically receive instructor certification. Those who take part...weekend workshops and serve as Assistant Instructors.

However, many who participate in the trainers-track in a workshop, and who concur with the Doctrinal Statement on the Simply The Story web site, are ready to serve as Assistant Instructors (AI’s) in a following workshop. After AI’s have successfully led a group of 3-5 new attendees in an 18-hour workshop, they become Provisional Instructors (PI’s.)

We welcome and need these Provisional Instructors to join our staff to lead additional workshops. In these workshops, STS workshops run on a one instructor to every three attendees ratio in the 17-hour instructor’s track, and on a one instructor to every four attendees in a 18-hour practitioner’s track.

To thoroughly train and groom people for STS instructor certification takes time. Interested parties go to a...and interested parties are required to complete the information. If invited, the applicant completes some homework, assists and moves into leadership during two to four more workshops.

To Become an STS Practitioner, Applicants Must Be:

1. Able to tell an assigned Bible story correctly to an instructor with nothing added and nothing left out.
2. Able to tell the story in an interesting manner.
3. Able to lead listeners to a reasonable amount of treasures (Spiritual Observations and Spiritual Applications from their story using questions.)
4. Able in a kindly affirming manner, to use discussion style teaching to lead people to treasures according to the STS method.

Provisional Instructors

Provisional Instructors are invited (and welcomed) to serve as staff for STS workshops in USA and abroad.

To qualify as an STS Provisional Instructor, the applicant must be:

1. An STS Practitioner.
2. Able to find a reasonable amount of original treasures in an assigned story.
3. Able to formulate questions that lead listeners to those treasures.
4. Able to kindly lead attendees to discovery in preparing a story (leading not preaching) in an STS workshop setting.
5. Able to name and explain the reasons for the parts of STS in Phase One and Two of the Presentation.
6. Able to tell The Path and The Wise Counselor and know the workshop process well for tribe preparation and presentation as explained on the “Gold” sheet.
7. Able to demonstrate understanding of all six stories used for at least two of the tribes.

Certified Instructors

Certified Instructors are able and qualified to fully lead STS workshops

To qualify as an STS Certified Instructor, the applicant must be:

1. An STS Practitioner.
2. Able to reasonably present and give the reasons behind all of the information in the STS workshop schedule.
3. Able to show ability, knowledge and commitment to the STS requirements on the certification checklist.
4. Able to successfully plan and lead a workshop under the supervision of a Senior Instructor.

Senior Instructors

Senior Instructors are able and qualified to lead STS workshops and certify others

To qualify as an STS Senior Instructor the applicant must be...

1. An STS Certified Instructor.
2. Able to show spiritual maturity and wisdom in leadership and to show skill in the training and selecting of others for certification.

We are thrilled ...

We are thrilled by the many attendees who go out from their first workshop and begin using the STS concepts in their lives.

See here one person’s journey from investigating oral strategies to becoming a certified...