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How Lives are Changed
The lives of those who gain the skills of STS are forever impacted.

We offer here just a few of the results STS produces in those who learn and share Bible stories.

**Simply The Story:**

1. Equips people for natural witnessing.
2. Enhances personal devotions.
3. Empowers the unsure. Women, youth, aged, non-literates, and many others who never realized that they have God given abilities to understand deep biblical truths, can comfortably speak and lead others.
4. Develops awareness of others.
5. Teaches how to dig deeply into the Word.
6. Raises interest in listeners according to reports from seasoned teachers.
7. Shifts focus. Teachers are not the center; God’s Word becomes the focus.
8. Generates accountability in both teachers and in listeners.
9. Quietly, in a non-confrontational way, brings non-biblical beliefs to light.
10. Enables people to carry God’s Word in their heart pockets.
11. Helps storytellers to be affected by Scripture, allowing them to teach what they themselves have experienced.
12. Causes meditation on the Word to occur naturally—and often.
14. Promotes understanding of Bible stories, which touches hearts; knowledge and feelings converge.

**Testimonies Reflecting Some of These 14 Listed Results**

The stories of God's Word do impact lives. We can talk theory and look at data, all meaningful pursuits. But how lives are impacted is the true measurement of success.

The first three testimonies are responses from immigrants in the USA who came from three different countries and three different religious backgrounds. They give a peek into the quick and dynamic power of God's Word delivered as He gave it to us.
Couldn’t Sleep

One Hispanic pastor, who has influence over more than 1,000 pastors, told of sleeping only three hours the night he returned home from an STS workshop because of the impact. He shared, “As a pastor for 30 years, I knew something was missing. You said to let the story speak. We have not been doing that. I tried it. The congregation loved it. They were on the edge of their seats with interest. Afterwards they said it was the best teaching they had ever heard.”

Story: Quick & Powerful!

A man of Middle Eastern background attended an STS workshop. Although he is a recognized expert on reaching Muslims, even he was new about the power of stories. He came as a reluctant attendee to STS, but left as a person rethinking his strategies.

He decided to try some of the God's Story languages on video. A few weeks later he hosted his weekly guests, five Kurdish

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After twelve minutes the guests said, "Turn it off!" Then they explained, "We knew what we were taught in Islam was not true. We did not understand Christianity until now. We understand now. This is what we want to believe."

Guess What?

An attendee from Thailand called our STS office a week after the workshop. "Guess what? I told a story Saturday at our church. I used the God’s Story method, but it was not a good story. So I put it on the TV. After twelve minutes the members said, "Turn it off!" Then they explained, "We knew what we were taught in Islam was not true. We did not understand Christianity until now. We understand now. This is what we want to believe.""

The diverse reports below came from just one workshop in Nepal.

"I do not go to conferences but came here and didn't know why. Now I see. The Bible is opened up to me and I can now share with others."

"When I heard the statistics of literacy in the USA, I suddenly realized that, if it is that bad in the USA, then here in Nepal is much lower. I must use this oral strategy to reach the lost."

"When I saw this big women up front give such interesting action to the story, I said to myself, "If she can do this, then why can't I?"

"I am in charge of 25 women who go out and evangelize women who are not literate. I am going to teach them all to tell the stories in this way."
“My pastor told me to go to this conference. I said to myself, *Go to a 3 day conference to learn to tell stories? That is crazy! How long does it take to tell a story?*

“Now after three days, I see the time went so fast I didn’t even notice it because I was interested the whole time.”

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