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People Disciple Others Using STS

“A Revival For Many of Us”

“STS is being used all around the country. Your team's work has certainly paid off. Just using the STS methods for meditation on scripture has been a tremendous blessing and like a revival for many of us. I don't say this lightly.

“I have heard from Filipinos as well as international missionaries saying how God has used STS to reveal things to them and to those they teach.

“I have kept in contact with a number of the people from each of the cities where you trained. I ran into a couple of our people from each city, and they tell how they had been able to use STS with 'neighbors' successfully, not to mention in their own personal Bible study.”

Philippines
Humility Enabled Me to Absorb More From The Word of God

“I am so thankful that I was able to attend this training and have life-changing experience! Although I was...”

“During the training, because I was not able to depend on anything else (my superficial knowledge about the Bible nor my... I learned humility that enables me to absorb more from the Word of God and the work of the Spirit during the discussion.

“I also learned and experienced how important it is to read the Bible carefully so that I can find more treasures...”

“My stereotype about the word "story" was imaginative, not real, but this story telling of the Bible has...”

“How exciting it is to learn the word of God, not just because of the fact that it is the truth, but because the truth...”

“I really think this training was so crucial before returning back to Japan. I don't know what I am going to do in Sendai, but I know that God will not allow me to throw away the things that I learned from this training.

Let me know about the details about the storytelling workshop in Japan (I may not be able to join, but I can spread a word to people I know.) when you have time.”

Christian Student in USA

“A Key That We Were Missing”

“One day, my Uzbek friend was lamenting the fact that it was hard to get Central Asian believers to read the Bible...”

“The problem isn’t literacy. Most Central Asians can read. They just don't prefer it. Local believers had read the Bible once, perhaps; then they put it on the shelf like other nice books.

“I was equally frustrated that they were so easily swayed by ‘Christian’ videos from the West that emphasized material blessing over taking up our cross daily and laying up treasures in heaven.

“We were attempting to make disciples but weren't doing a very good job! Should we harangue them into reading the Bible more? Sent them to Bible school? Produce or translate better videos?

“Several years later, my wife and I took a two year assignment to the US Center for World Mission in Pasadena, CA. I met...”

Their training sessions at the US Center captivated staff. Stories and well thought-out questions generated discussions among old believers like I'd not seen since being a young Christian.

“On trips to Thailand, Larry could easily engage fellow bus travelers and taxi drivers by building a natural and winsome...”

“What was happening? I had to learn more so I attended a three-day STS training session in Hemet, California.

“I have enjoyed many opportunities to use STS. My Armenian barber is a very nominal Christian. When...”

“This fall, I returned to Central Asia. From taxi drivers, kids on the street to old friends in our fellowship, people...”

“Although I don't think STS is the only tool we need to make solid disciples -- it is certainly a key that we...”
“Regardless, the ultimate ‘goal’ is to make disciples who obey Jesus in everything He commanded us (Matt 28). Story ... been for me to become so much effective in helping others see God through telling and unpacking these powerful stories.”

Rob Stone USA

The following letter comes from a Richard Embwaga, a revered pastor in Kenya. Besides pastoring churches for many years, Richard served as a principal of a large Christian School. Richard now oversees numerous Oral Bible Schools throughout Kenya.

**Many questions …Open Up Deeper Discussions … Lead To Many Confessions**

“Beloved Workers,
Greetings in the mighty Name, the Name that is above all other names, the Name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. I hope that this note finds you well in Him.

“Glory be to God for His grace on us that is sufficient while in the field and in our private lives. I am so grateful for the many opportunities He has given to me to learn and grow from His Word and His People in the field.

“STS, the simple but powerful tool, a gift for this generation. The Word of God for many had been assumed to be for the privileged that had been through Theological training of some kind.

“After being in a workshop, either second or third day, you hear statements like ..’ I didn’t know the Bible was that simple,’ or ‘I thought I knew the Bible but….’ or ‘You mean God still talks to us on daily basis, but …?’

“Those are some of the many questions that usually open up deeper discussions that lead to many confessions.

“The story of David and Uriah’s wife in most places, men likes to revisit the issues in that story so much. In one of the ... me to have supper with his family. A fire was lit outside for us to roast some maize as supper was being prepared.

“At the fire side time to review how the day had been and what we had learned, there was silence for about five minutes. ... never seen that portion of scripture the way I have seen it today.’ I asked him to let us know which part got him most.

“’The part that got me most is the part of David acting as though nothing had happened till when Nathan came.’ He kept quiet while looking into the fire as though there was something in it.

“’I cheated in my first marriage,’ paused---. I asked him to share with us what had happened; one discord after another unfolded. Even when we were called in for supper, he was not through.

“The following day we had to pause for confession and prayers. The story of the widow that brought her case before Elisha moves many women. You can even SEE it in their faces.

“Every story in the Bible speaks to every concern that men and women have. They have the Bible. They have read it, ... back needed explanation. They read the Bible, but are just religious good people. We meet people like this every day.

“A pastor friend said he no longer misses what to share any time he is asked to share or when with friends, family or any … you go for spiritual application and relying on the enablement of the Holy Spirit. It becomes sweeter on daily basis.

“STS workshops have been used by God to create a new hunger and thirsty for those who comes to attend. Families, churches and communities are being transformed.

“How I pray for more workers into fields that are ready and waiting.

“How will they go unless they are sent?”

“Thank you for standing and sending someone.
Be blessed.
Pastor R.L. Embwaga”
More on Discipleship Use of STS

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