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North America • Interest in *Simply the Story* (STS) Continues to Rise

The usefulness and effectiveness
of STS in teaching the Bible, as well as its reproducibility, is seen in these excerpts from responses to USA workshops.

**Sweet Morsels**

“All I can say is, I've been spoiled for the ordinary following learning STS--I can't help it!

When I sit in a church service now, I'm taking the passage that's been read aloud and begun an internal dialogue, asking questions and gleaning sweet morsels to take home with me! I like it a lot!”

CO, USA

**Teach Us Another Story**

“For the workshop and the lessons I learned, thanks. I taught Feeding of the 5,000 to my best friend, who is our Ends of the Earth school class, and to our mission team heading off to Tanzania. “I keep hearing, ‘Can you teach us another story?’”

USA

**Career Man in Ministry Gives His View**

After attending a STS workshop, Ray Neu, a Missionary/Pastor/Teacher, who ministers in Belize wrote his thoughts regarding the workshop to some of his co-workers who serve in Asia. He forwarded his letter to our STS Headquarters.

“The God's Story project has expanded their tools beyond just the God's Story video. Simply The Story or STS is not a walk the entire group thru the story together by prompting them to retell the story one piece at a time, in order.
"Then the instructor leads the group thru a conversation of discovering treasures - first spiritual observations from the story."

"The final stage is to seek spiritual applications from the story as it relates to us today."

"The results that Dorothy and many others around the globe are reporting are extremely encouraging. I sat with a pretty young girl this morning who has been teaching small groups for a few years. She has had this type of training offered at a level that was almost disarming. I've taught a lot of small groups - but this was the easiest ever!"

"It is pretty easy to learn, very reproducible, does not elevate the teacher nor restrict duplication due to the group dynamic."

"There's a lot more I could say about who embraces and who struggles, etc. (mostly the more learned a person is, the more they resist.)"

"Here's part of what I wrote in my blog about it:

"Why does it work? Here are a few reasons:

1. None of us is as smart as all of us. The group dynamics always bring out an abundance of input and valuable information.

2. No one is elevated as the "authority" or the genius who can't be done without. The authority is in the Scripture Story itself, nothing else.

3. It is fun.

4. It works.

5. It is easy to understand."
6. It is easy to reproduce.

7. It keeps the main thing, the main thing - God’s Word.

8. The Spirit more readily

- convicts,
- convinces,
- challenges and
- comforts as each person participates.

9. Once through the process, people want to do it again.

10. It levels the playing field and keeps us all at the foot of the cross. "It’s good friends - really good!

"Want me to come demonstrate?!! :-)

"Ray

Other STS Workshop Attendees say......

"The missing puzzle piece," observed a leading mission's fund raiser. "From here I am going home to completely redo our curriculum, just because they are going for their PhDs, does not make them favor literacy-based communication. They prefer stories and this is what we need for our International Students program. Just because they are going for their PhDs...."
"As a teacher I knew how to tell the stories, but now I know how to find the spiritual treasures (and almost know how to formulate questions to lead people to the treasures using discussion!")

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**Email From One Ministry Leader to Another**

(This describing the leader's response to the STS workshop that he attended, and the email was forwarded to us.)

I am still meditating on the lessons and the information that I gained, so I cannot say that my thoughts are fully developed, but my immediate perceptions are these:

I think the overall benefit for us, as those who have been keepers and instructors of the Truth, is that strict ... will require us to go back and hold more firmly to the Word of God and depend less on the commentaries, opinions, of man.

Where we are as a Christian nation today reminds me of where the Children of Israel were at when they went into Babylon and the Gemara, became more influential than the Torah.

Personally, I have become frustrated by the excessive level of extrapolation that has become so typical of much preaching ... on the importance of knowing the word and on skepticism and discernment when listening to preachers and teachers.

Young people, and all believers today, are so vulnerable to the words and ideas of somebody with a book ... it is a real minefield for new believers and probably has influenced the lukewarmness that pervades the average church.

STS can empower students with the Word and nothing but the Word, and it comes at a critical time. The challenge for ... such a small segment of Scripture. It should surely demonstrate a superiority of the Word of God over other scriptures.

As new believers would begin to grow in their knowledge of the Word and start to perceive the holistic depth of it from ... and their devotion to Him enduring. Hopefully their salvation would not be the preacher or teacher but His Word.

As to the mechanics of the instruction I believe there is still a lot of learning and development to come \\
especially for ... first learn how to “share the story” and then later at another time you come back to learn how to teach it would be best.

How has the training impacted Daniel [young intense evangelist who ministry leader brought with him] and me? We have ... story telling preaching and teaching that wanders from the written words.