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Workshops and Non-Literates
Where Do Non-Literates Fit in STS Training?

Although much is said in



missions and in the current move to embrace and to communicate with oral learners, some divides still

One very big issue is the perception people have on the link of literacy to spirituality:

Let us ask ourselves.

Do we think that:

- Semi or non-literate people have the ability to think critically?
- Semi or non-literate people can discover deep spiritual truths in Scripture?
- It is possible for semi or non-literate people to impart deep spiritual truths to literate learners?

Some would answer “No” to those three questions. Others may say “Yes,” but in practice they live as if t

Those three questions need to be addressed by everyone, both literate and non–literate. Often, how tho

We have observed and have come to believe from scripture that God created all people with the ability t

For instance, Adam and Eve had their opportunity to think critically in the Garden; the Lord God had given

Throughout the Bible, God is asking people, even imploring them, to seek wisdom. We see that wisdom

Is God's offer to give wisdom only offered to the literate? "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,

We in STS believe everyone can think critically, and when that ability is recognized as existent, and is not

Testimonies such as the [New Truth Know the Stories](#) show how oral traditions discovering deep spiritual discoveries comes to

See an in-depth article on [Critical Thinking](#) , and our few comments and questions on the possible biblical

Indigenous Become Critical Thinkers

STS, Same For Tribals

Ah! One might say, "This way of 'inductive Bible study oral style' is really for the highly educated and middle

Yes...True. It is for the highly educated and yes, it is for the leaders. But.....can less educated people learn

You judge ... After landing in Peru, a husband & wife and three teenage daughters from Ireland flew to a

This family led a workshop for nine Urarina Indians and 28 Mestizos, some who walked five days to come

The family from Ireland taught them Bible stories. How to teach using the stories and how to lead others

Amazingly, the same training schedule used to train in the USA was used in Peru! Simply The Story cen

Panama: She Did it! “ Another thing that amazed me among the indigenous people was that they quick

"Initially I thought it would be an uphill climb and a real battle, but it turned out really well, learning to not

"Everyone thought that this one lady, a non-literate, was not going to present a story at all as she hardly

"I encouraged the tribe leader to see if she would do the presentation in Spanish in full first and not let h

"One Ngabe man said it had given him the tools he needed to share the Gospel with his people.

"One indigenous tribesman from Chiriqui said that he felt this was the missing element in reaching the y

"Another tribesman is going back armed with a way to reach his non-literate kinsmen and to start a YWA

For more information on [Beyond Expectations, Modern Day Leaping](#)