

What is Storying?

Storying is the process of taking a passage of scripture and breaking it down point by point, in order to internalize the story and be able to share it from the heart with others.

What are the steps?

1. **Internalize it:** Read the story once, read it aloud, listen to it, read it again.
2. **Scene it:** Make a list of the scenes of the story. What is 100% needed for the story to make sense? What is important to the story, what is it about?
3. **Write it:** In your own words, write the story out following your scenes.
4. **Practice it:** Practice teaching the story the way that you want to share it with others. Practice gradually until you can do it without looking at your written story.

Things to note:

- Remember to never add anything to the story, God has given us all that we need.
- When Christ speaks directly in a story, do your best to use the exact words that He uses.
- Tell the story how you talk! Do not try to tell it like someone else would, or sound just like the scriptures did, but tell the story in the way that is true to how you are!

Why do we story?

Storying is an extremely effective way to share the gospel with anyone. Here's why:

- Jesus told stories!
- In most countries we visit, education is not easily accessible and many people did not attend much schooling, if any at all. This means many people can't read or do not learn best by reading.
- People in these countries learn the best orally. We can meet them where they are and share the truth of the gospel with them in a way they can understand. The most effective way to do this is by storying scripture with them.
- When people hear the gospel in the form of a story they are more likely to remember it and share it with others that they know.
- When they hear it they are internalizing God's word even if they do not believe it, and we know that God will use anything for His good and His glory.