

# GETTING INTO THE WORD – STORYING

## TOOL: STORYING

*(Recommendation: Do this early with people to get them into the Word and practice drawing out revelation)*

Storying is an exercise that helps people get into the Word and draw out personal revelation. It can be a great tool to use early on as it's simple and an easy way to get the Good News into people while increasing their teaching ability. As we use this tool, remember, it's not just about how much information we can learn. It's about how we can take what the Holy Spirit reveals to us to transform our lives. When this tool is learned, people will also have the ability to teach it to others to help them draw from it as well.

As a tip, this tool can be used when knowledge of the Word is low and you need something to get people into the Word on their own to help them with their abiding rhythms, and/ or when you want to see them increase their capacity to teach.

### *HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!*

Remind who you're discipling how important it is to be in the Word and that this tool can help make that easier. I would suggest teaching the tool and going through an example together in group so they can see it modeled before they are assigned homework to do it on their own.

The tool is straightforward, just follow these 4 steps: Read it, know it, recite it, and answer 4 simple questions.

- READ IT: Read the scripture so it's heard and understood – you may have to read it a few times to take it all in and pick up on what may be important details.
- KNOW IT: After reading it as many times as needed, the person should feel like they now know the story.
- RECITE IT: Since they should now know the story, ask them to re-tell what happened in the scripture without looking at it. *(If it's something the whole group was assigned to read and someone thinks a major part was left out, have the disciple do it again, adding what the rest of the group felt was too important to leave out.)* This process gives them the opportunity to learn, get the Word inside of them, and teach it back in a safe environment.

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- ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS: Answer the following 4 questions which allows the Lord to speak into everyone's lives, accurately and personally (and if someone is teaching, they can facilitate the asking/answering of the questions with the group as well.)
  1. What was revealed about the character of God in the story?
  2. What does this mean for your personal relationship with God?
  3. Is there a sin to avoid and/or a promise to take hold of from the story?
  4. What is your personal obedience based on what God revealed in the story? In other words, what's the response it demands from us as individuals and followers of Jesus?

Now, for homework, it's time for them to practice this on their own. Simply assign a chapter/story to who you're discipling and give them a week to work on it. Or you can let them choose scripture of their choice. You can even do both and change it up. To start, it may help by letting them choose a story they are unfamiliar with from the Word. When there's ownership, a fire is lit in people. Whatever scripture it is, make you know as the leader so you can familiarize yourself with the story, too.

When they return the following week, have them tell you the "story" of the chapter without looking at it. If it's something multiple people were assigned to read and someone thinks a major part was left out, bring it up and talk about why that part is so vital to the context of what the Scripture is teaching. This tool can be leveraged at any time throughout the group after it is taught. The great thing is that it equips them to help others begin in the Word as well – it's simple enough that a child can do it but can also be deep enough that people of any age or spiritual maturity can get something out of it.