

# THE FOUR STORIES by ETeamGlobal

## Leaders Guide

### OVERVIEW LESSON ONE

1. **God's Story**: The Gospel from Creation through Full Redemption
  - a. **Creation**: Genesis 1,2 with Psalm 8 and 19
    - i. What do you see in creation (natural world)?
    - ii. What is special about the creation of mankind according to Psalm 8?
    - iii. Why do you think God created mankind?
  - b. **Fall**: Genesis 3 with Romans 1, 3 & 8.
    - i. What is the temptation story teaching us?
    - ii. What are the outcomes for mankind? How is life different after the fall?
    - iii. How does the fall change our relationships with God, ourselves, others and the physical world?
  - c. **Redemption**:
    - i. Genesis 3:15 & 21 promises from God.
      1. What is the purpose of promises from God? Hope and a Plan
    - ii. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ the Messiah and Redeemer
      1. Person of Jesus Christ: John 1 and Hebrews 1
        - a. God who became a man.
        - b. God the Son
        - c. The Son of Man
        - d. Jesus the most unique and only qualified Savior
      2. Work of Christ: 1 Cor. 5:20,21; 1 John 2:2; 1 Peter 2:24
        - a. His death not a symbol
        - b. His death a real and unique work which accomplished redemption, "it is finished, paid in full".
        - c. His death necessary His resurrection approval and victory
  - d. **Faith Alone**: Rom. 3:21-25; Eph. 2:8-10; John 1:12; 5:24
    - i. Explain faith: belief, trust, receive and believe (Jn. 1:12)
    - ii. Illustrate: wheel barrow and Niagara Falls; Marriage "I Do"
  - e. **Secure in Christ**: Eph. 1; John 5:24; 10:28, 29; 17:24; Rom. 8:28-30; Psalm 130:7, 8. "Never snatch them out of My hands or My Father's hands" Jn. 10:28,29

### GOALS

- a) Understand the overview of the Gospel from Creation to Redemption
- b) Encourage a story telling approach to explaining God's Story/His story
- c) Use the Gospel Card as an Outline for explaining God's Story
- d) Practice telling God's Story in small groups (read and explain and use questions)
- e) Pray for one's self to see the opportunities God gives to share His story.

2 . **My/Your Personal Story with Christ.** When did you receive Him and what does it mean to follow Him every day?

- f. Acts: 9:1-19; 22:3-16; 26:9-18 The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus, now Paul the Apostle.
- g. The pattern of Personal Story:
  - i. Before I met Christ: Worldview? Attitudes? Behaviors? Hopes? Dreams?
  - ii. How I met Christ: encounter? process? an event? gradual? sudden?
  - iii. What is my life like now that I am following Christ? Worldview? Attitudes? Relationships? Behaviors? Hopes? Dreams?
- h. Acts 1:8; Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:15-17; 4:2-7 You are my witnesses (Jesus). A witness tells what they have seen, experienced, know firsthand. Holy Spirit the KEY!

3. **Their Story**, those we are witnessing to.

- a. All kinds of people from family members, friends, to strangers.
  - i. Andrew found Peter: John 1: 40,41
  - ii. Philip found Nathanael: John 1:45
  - iii. Philip preached in Samaria and then taken to the Ethiopian Eunuch: Acts 8.
- b. As with Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch Philip listened before he spoke. We need to learn the art of listening and asking questions. We need to hear the story of those we desire to share the Gospel with.
- c. What is Their Story? Questions to ask... what are their concerns, interests, needs, desires, hurts, pain, unmet needs, etc. What do they feel? What's missing in their lives? Is life working for them? Where are they dissatisfied?

4. **OUR story**, the story of our local gathering of believers. What is God doing in and through us? How do we share our journeys, God's Story IN and THROUGH US? What is God doing in our lives? What are we sharing together as the Acts 2 and 4 church?