Making Disciples of Oral Learners Workshop

Did you know that nearly all *of the world's remaining unreached and unengaged people groups* are oral preference learners? Even in the United States, a significant portion of people prefer oral models such as music, drama or media in favor of reading.

Bible Storying is a model of communicating the truths of God's Word that is entirely oral using stories and can be done in languages that do not have an alphabet or writing system. It can also be done as a combination of story and reference Scripture where the Bible is available. We're not talking about Veggie Tales or crazy children's stories!!! This is a methodological approach to communicating the truth of Scripture in a way that people engage who would otherwise have little or no access.

Bible Storying is a method which uses their local language and culture to give their people access to the Word of God so they can share, disciple and plant churches in their villages while spreading the hope of Jesus Christ. We can use it in developing countries or right here in Alabama. It is a form of Biblical proclamation whereby leaders are trained in an oral hermeneutic without a need for literacy to develop stories from the Bible in their own mother tongue for the *purpose of the missionary task*.

The **schedule** for the weekend is as follows:

Friday, March 20

Dinner and Fellowship from 6-7p Session 1 from 7-745p Break from 745 - 8p Session 2 from 8 - 845p

Saturday, March 21

Breakfast and Fellowship from 8-9a Session 3 from 9 - 1015a Break from 1015 - 1030a Session 4 from 1030a - 12p

Desired Learning Outcomes

- 1. An overview of the difference between oral and literate styles of learning.
- 2. Examining a continuum from highly literate, semi-literate to highly oral and then discussing how oral preference learning can be found in each of these.
- 3. Practice implementing oral strategies in the local church.
- 4. Practice leading a small group Bible study using oral methods while brainstorming ideas of how we could use the model right here at FBCO
- 5. Practice in offering feedback and evaluating stories for clarity, accuracy, naturalness, and reproducibility.



Call, text or email to register today. Spaces will fill up fast.

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