

Campfire Stories | Week #01

Let Me Tell You a Story | July 8th and 11th



What's the Issue Anyway?

I am an _____ heretic.

Some stories engage or bore us: _____ Story

Some stories transform some part of us: _____ Story.

Parabolic stories: Stories that _____ happened but _____ happen.

The enlightenment brain _____ on facts and history not _____.

STORIES AND SCRIPTURE

Nathan used a parable to _____ David with the truth.

Jesus used parables to open _____.

The Gospel writers used stories to give context and meanings to the sayings of _____ for their audiences.

We have _____ "according to" and _____ Gospel.

Anchor Verse: There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written. John 21:24

Don't Miss This

Stories still bring the _____ Jesus into the _____ circumstances of Christians.

Eight stories for your every day, peacemaking life?

Sit at the campfire and apply these _____ stories to your **MODERN** situations.

Don't _____ from the story that confronts you.

Remember these stories are about _____ not historical _____.

"But did it really _____?"

This question is an enlightenment _____.

What does this story _____ of me or _____ in me?

How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

We will see that stories _____ the truth of God in _____ generation.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. Participate in the next 8 weeks.
2. Invite a friend to listen along.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Think of a story that has had a deep impact on your life. Why do you think that story is so meaningful to you?
2. If Jesus used parables to tell stories about God, what do you think about the idea that the four gospel writers (evangelists) used stories to give context to the words of Jesus? Does that help you relate to the stories about Jesus you might find difficult to believe at face value?
3. How do you think you might have responded to Samuel if you were David?
4. You might be familiar with some of the parables of Jesus. If so, what is your “favorite” one?
5. Let’s assume the truth of Jesus needs to be “actualized” for our modern circumstances. Create a modern circumstance (Metaphorical story) where Jesus might say to one of the main characters, “I say never stop forgiving.”

HIS
PARABLES