

# 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.”

