

God's Word, Your Mission

Embracing Scripture to Tell Your Organization's Story



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Mapping Our Journey

- What brought you here today?
- How are you currently using scripture to tell your organization's story?
- What do you hope to get out of this session?

Our Expected Outcomes

- Identify deeper biblical themes
- Get uncomfortable with scripture
- Learn how to integrate faith and scripture into storytelling and preaching

Genesis of the session – Why?

“Blessed are the...”

“As you do to the least of these...”

“The greatest commandment is this...”

Feeding of the 5000

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus teaching on divorce



Challenge Accepted!

Exploring Biblical Themes

What is the process we use?

Scriptural Guiding Light

One Thing is
Needful

God loves a
cheerful giver

Prayer

I feel like I find
guidance through
music

Proverbs 3:5-6

Golden rule

Romans!

Luke 10:36

Acts 4:35

I am Loved

God's word

1 Corinthians 15:58

Scriptural Guiding Light

Allowing Matthew 6:19-21 to inform my vocation



MINE THE GAP

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

What is Our Job?



Lutheran World Relief saves
and improves lives in the
poorest parts of the world.
We will persist until your love
reaches every neighbor.



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THE FOUR PAGES OF THE SERMON



A Guide to Biblical Preaching
PAUL SCOTT WILSON

What is the problem in the text?

What is the question behind the question

What is the problem in the world?

Where is that issue occurring in the world today?

What is God doing in the text?

Is it addressed in this text or in other places?

What is God doing in the world?

How is this happening today?

Mark 10:2-16

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

What is the problem in the text?

People in positions of authority and power doing what they want at the expense of the vulnerable.

What is the problem in the world?

People in positions of authority and power doing what they want at the expense of the vulnerable.

Does that happen today?
How does that happen?

What is God's action in the text?

Protect them, do not put them in more vulnerable situations and give them a voice.

Reiterated in the last couple of verses from the passage when Jesus welcomes the little children after the disciples tried to keep them away.

What is God's action in the world?

List the ways, or better yet, tell stories of how your organization does this.

Practical Exercise

Looking at last weeks and next week's Lectionary

Can you tell your organization's story through with the framework of the four-page method?

Regroup and Feedback

Questions

Resources

Online

Enterthbible.org

Textweek.com

Podcasts

Sermon Brainwave

The Bible for Normal People



What Next?

Join me on What'sApp:

Monthly Text Study Group



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