

Make Christ Known

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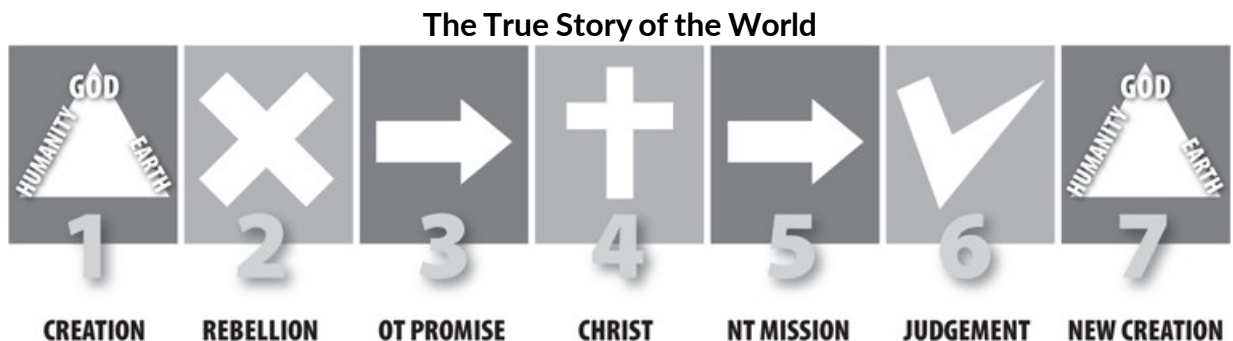
Big Idea: All who know Christ make Him known to all people.

I. Consider the Person (vv. 10-11a, 16-23, 28)

1. Observe
2. Ask (and listen!)
3. Seek common ground

II. Connect the Gospel (vv. 11-12, 22-31)

Inside Out adapted from Joshua Chatraw, <i>Telling a Believer's Story</i>	
Inside: What can you affirm and what needs to be challenged?	Outside: How does the gospel story better address the person's story (experiences, observations and history)?



-Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen in *Here are Your Gods* by Christopher J. H. Wright

“How should ambassadors of Christ communicate an unchanging message in ever-changing contexts? When it comes to the gospel, we don’t need to dress it up in order to make it cool. We need to break it down in order to make it clear. That is the purpose of studying your surrounding culture in light of God’s Word... Fundamentally, good contextualizing is not about being cool; it is about being a servant. It’s about creatively laboring to make the message of the cross and the joy of the resurrection crystal clear.”

- MaC Smethurst, *Before You Share Your Faith*

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 | 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Titus 1:12 | One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

1 Peter 2:9 | But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

III. Count on Division (vv. 12-15, 32-34)

3 Responses to the gospel

1. Opposed & Mocked
2. Pondered
3. Joined & Believed

Conclusion

- Be a Berean: Treasure God's story as revealed in His Word.
- Be Pauline: Treasure Christ's glory over all.

Benediction

Jeremiah 32:17 | 17 'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.