

AMAZING STORIES #4

Rom 10:17; Jn 3:14-18, 12:32;; Col 3:15-17

03/27/2022

Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE

SLIDE 2 – AMAZING STORIES – PURPOSE?

- Discipleship/Train w/Confidence/encouragement to share faith (MY story)
 - Better understanding of BIG PICTURE STORY – GOSPEL GOOD NEWS
 - Clarity & power of MY STORY – (witness, testimony, what Jesus did)

SLIDE 3 – ROMANS 10:17 *Faith comes by hearing; hearing through Word of Christ*

SLIDE 4 – THE POWER OF STORY

- The power of story: masters of metaphor, analogy... > words alone
- Near-Eastern (oral, story) vs. Western – written; linear, information focused
- **Cognitive science (interdisciplinary study of the mind/its processes)**
 - **STORY** – how truth becomes embedded in our hearts/minds/lives;

SLIDES 5-8 – JOHN 3:14-18

SLIDE 8 – SHARE THE GOSPEL GOOD NEWS

- Jesus to Nicodemus – religious leader who came to see Him in the night
 - Nic @ Night – seeking wisdom & spiritual insights from God → Jesus
- **John 3:3** – unless a person is born again (born from above/Heaven) no KOG
 - To be born/reborn/made new through HS
- Focus on the Son of Man (Daniel-ic Messianic identity) being lifted up
 - Born again/born from heaven comes through the Christ/Messiah
 - Must be lifted up (on a pole/tree, bearing/carrying the curse of all sin)
- **Jn 3:14-18** – *as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up that everyone who believes in His Name → eternal life in Him*
 - Huh? What? LOTR? Star Wars? Insider reference?
 - Nope – Israel's history – foreshadowing salvation good news story

SLIDE 9 – BRONZE SNAKE ON A STICK

- **Num 21:4-9** – Israel – following cloud/fire + Moses – not following water source
- Israel – post-slavery, 12 gen.; fear, worry, not resilient; complaining & impatient
 - Traveling *around* Edom – **Num 20** “asked to go through, Edom said ‘no, if you do we will go to war with you.’”
 - Israel – Impatient complainers – accusing God & Moses
 - Desert/middle of nowhere, No food, no water, detestable manna
 - Manna – what God provided them to live on in travels – ungrateful
- God sent venomous/fiery snakes to Israel's camp – bit people – sick & died
- Israel's repentance – “we have sinned – intercede w/the Lord for us”
 - Moses prayed for the people, God heard & answered
- God's means of healing → bronze snake on pole (cross) – walk through the camp; all who look at the snake on the pole, God healed. (see & believe)

- ...just as Moses lifted up the snake, so Son of Man must be lifted up
- **Deut 21** – *cursed is anyone hung on a tree*
 - Curse of sin – Christ took on curse of all sin for all – b/c w/o sin, He atoned/paid price of sin (death) for all → all who believe, LIFE

SLIDES 10-13 – JOHN 12:23-26, 32,33

SLIDE 14 – JESUS CHRIST: LIFT HIM UP

- Christ came to GLORIFY Father – be glorified → through death, bring life
- Whoever LOVES his life, lose it; HATES life (prefers Christ's way), keeps it
 - Christ to conquer death – overcomes prince of this world (be cast out)
- V32 - ...& *WHEN I am LIFTED UP, will draw ALL people to Me*"
- Tied in to **Num 21/John 3 stories** – Jesus (God saves) lifted up
 - Amazing stories – how do we see Christ lifted up? How do we do this?

SLIDES 15-17 – COLOSSIANS 3:12-15

SLIDE 18 – WHATEVER YOU DO, WORD OR DEED

- Glorifying God → living IN His peace;
- Be thankful; let message (GOOD NEWS) dwell/live deep in you – richly
- Teach & admonish (urge, warn, give urgent advice)
 - Using – psalms, hymns (sacred songs), spiritual songs (HS inspired/filled songs) → worship, encouragement, building up, w/gratitude
- WHATEVER you do, words/actions → do it ALL in the Name of Christ
 - Giving thanks to God through Christ –

SLIDE 19 – GGN – LIVE IT, SHARE IT

- *sharing His story as we live it*
 - Aiming to live out in a way that is endorsed & representative of Christ
 - We point to (lift up) Christ words/deeds, He (HS) draws all people to Him

SLIDE 20 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- What do we take away as the 'point'? Life application?
- What does it look like, lived out – to encourage & teach → lift up Christ?
- What do you do w/"Whatever you do, word/deed, do it in the Name of Christ?"
- Prayer for HS to fill/refill us w/HS power – what we need for today

SLIDE 21 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

- **Numbers 6:22-27** *The LORD bless you & keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you & give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/27/2022

- 3/27 – Annual Meeting/Members – right after church ratify new council members, 2021 financials, 2022 focus, Louie & Joni Sabbatical

- PUSH TO Hillside APP – Social Media – IG & FB
- BELIEVE – invite cards to Easter Weekend
 - Good Friday – 4/15 7-8 p.m.
 - Easter Sunday – 4/17 9 & 10:30 a.m.