

# AMAZING STORIES #1

Rom 10:17 Reve 12:10,11; Psalm 71:14-18;

03/06/2022  
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 OWN STORY – (witness, testimony, what Jesus did)

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

- Vv. 5-17 EXPLORING – “how do people come to faith/belief in Christ?”
  - Testimony – “Here’s what happened; here’s what I saw”
  - Story – “Let me tell you about what Christ did for us”

## SLIDE 4 – THE POWER OF STORY

- The power of story: masters of metaphor, analogy... > words alone
- **Cognitive science (*interdisciplinary study of the mind/its processes*)**
  - **STORY** – how truth becomes embedded in our hearts/minds/lives;
  - Leonard Sweet: “To change the mind, have to reach the heart”
- Near-Eastern – oral tradition: passing history, culture, values, beliefs in STORY
- Western – written word; academic, linear, information focused

## SLIDE 5 – SCRIPTURE: GOSPEL GOOD NEWS

- Never-ending, consistent story of God; Each story → whole story;
  - DNA consistent throughout – *every story gives access to WHOLE story*
- Near-East vs. West
  - VERSIFY – focus on chapters, verses, correct/quantity information
  - STORIFY – focus on main themes, metaphors, icons (image/item pointing to something/someone else, eg. Cross) personalized

## SLIDES 6,7 – REVELATION 12:10,11 – BIG PICTURE STORY

- believers overcome by blood of Lamb, Word of testimony, not afraid to die
- Power of OUR story – what has Christ done for me/my people?

## SLIDE 8 – AMAZING STORIES – MACRO

## SLIDES 9-12 – PSALM 71:14-18 – MY STORIES

- Psalm 71:14-18 – I will tell next generation of ALL Your mighty deeds
- Christ-followers – duty/responsibility to share of God’s goodness to us; to revisit the stories of our people
  - E.G. Ancestry.com & stories from the family tree

## SLIDE 13 – AMAZING STORIES – MICRO

**SLIDE 14 – AMAZING STORIES – MACRO  
FEEDBACK**

- What Jesus has done for ALL humanity
- Relationship, restoration, rescue, deliverance, salvation, worship, value, rest, trust, invitation, miracles, etc
- God does the hard work – invites us to participate/relationship

**SLIDE 15 – AMAZING STORIES: “MICRO” INDIVIDUAL STORIES  
FEEDBACK**

- Tied in to the MACRO themes
- Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, Kings of Israel & Judah

**SLIDE 15 – AMAZING STORIES – MY STORY**

- Meeting Christ; what changed? What did He do? What is He doing?
- Areas of teaching, blessing, life, correction, challenge, refining, etc...

**SLIDE 16 – AMAZING STORIES – GO & TELL**

- Throughout the gospels – WHAT did you see/experience? Go & tell about it
- Personal – **John 9** – Jesus & a man born blind – free to tell what he knows; free to say “I don’t know”

**SLIDE 17 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?**

- What do we take away as the ‘point’? Life application?
- Where am I anxious/afraid/worried?
- Prayer for HS to fill/refill us w/HS power – what we need for today

**SLIDE 18 – STAY CLOSE – 2022**

- **Stay close to Jesus**
- **Be flexible/open to God-directed change**
- **Be prepared – when God says “Get ready”**
- **Be strong & very courageous – God is WITH us**
- **Be careful to obey all we know to obey**