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DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

In this session, we will see that an evangelist should present the gospel in a persuasive way. This begins with listening to their story, then telling your story. It culminates in us telling The Story of Jesus Christ..

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**NOTES:**

**Discussion Starter:** Discuss your homework from last week.

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**Three steps for presenting the gospel in a persuasive way.**

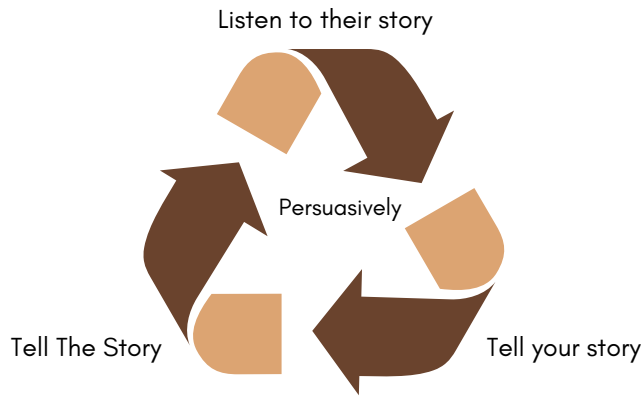
1. Listen to their \_\_\_\_\_.

- People don't care how much you know until they know how much you \_\_\_\_\_.
- Like little physicians, we should first listen to their oral \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have to hear their \_\_\_\_\_ before they hear ours.

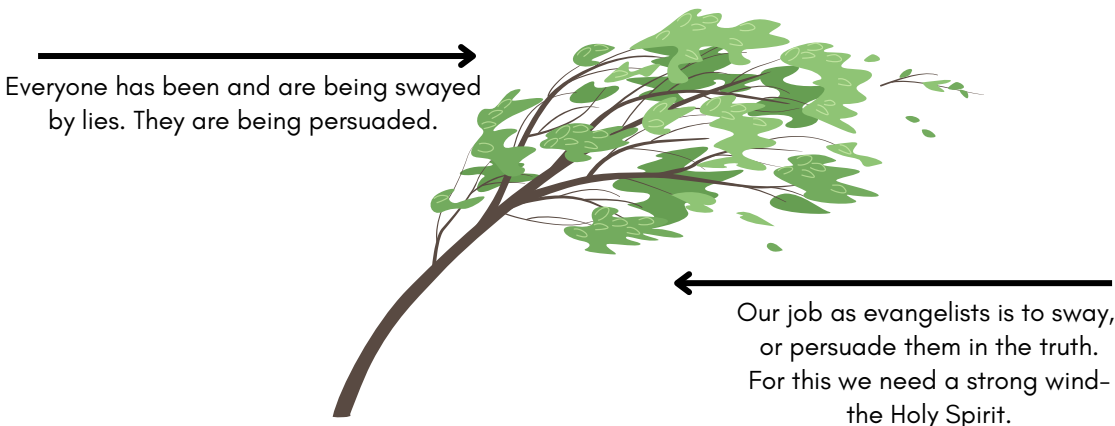
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2. Tell your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Everybody is \_\_\_\_\_. But we're not all that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How can your \_\_\_\_\_ tell of him?
  - Jesus was attentive enough to know that the woman at the well was \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, he offered her living \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tell The \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't just tell them your story. Tell them The Story. Take them to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Bible is most of all a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Meet their \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ from The \_\_\_\_\_.

**Figure 8.1 The Presentation Cycle**



**Figure 8.2 The Power of Persuasion**



Now, some people think the Bible is a book of rules, telling you what you should and shouldn't do. The Bible certainly does have some rules in it. They show you how life works best. But the Bible isn't mainly about you and what you should be doing. It's about God and what he has done....The Bible is most of all a Story. It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne—everything—to rescue the ones he loves. It's like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true in real life! You see, the best thing about this Story is... it's true. There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves His children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. Every story in the Bible whispers His name. He is like the missing piece in the puzzle—the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture.

-Sally Lloyd Jones  
*The Jesus Story Book Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name.*

**Homework:**  
Read Acts 26:1-29 then complete the prompts on the following pages.

# HEAR THEIR STORY



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I grew up in a Christian home. My dad was a pastor and my mom worked for a Christian non-profit. I respect my parents faith. It works for them. But as I got older I just sort of realized that I don't really need this religious stuff. I'm ok as I am.

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**Angela**



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I was abused as a kid. Because of this I've had a hard time trusting people. I'm a loner I guess. Also, I'm really angry at God. If he could stop what happened to me from happening? Why didn't he?

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**Alan**



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I grew up in a wealthy family. Anything I wanted, I got. But with all the money, all the stuff, life just still felt empty. I've tried to find meaning in a lot of things, but it just feels like something is still missing.

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**Ryan**



