

Learning Bible Stories

Epistles

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Session 1

9:00 - 10:30

Learning Epistles

Two options:

Option 1: Read it

General principle:

The audience will accept a poor “telling” and enjoy it.

They will not enjoy a poor “reading.”

The audience will be bored

Their mind will drift

You will feel bad.

Read it 40+ times

Example 1

Read it over 4 weeks

Twice a day / five days a week = 10 readings per week

9 times out loud to yourself / once to someone else

(a different person each week)

Read it 40+ times

At the end of the 4 weeks

Read it to one more person, making a total of 5 people

Read it 40+ times

Example 2

Read it over 12 weeks (starting next week)

Four times each week

Read it to someone else every two weeks
(a different person each time)

Read it 40+ times

Simple rules

Read it aloud

Read it slowly

Exaggerate enunciation

Read it in the first person

(as if Paul is dictating it)

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Option 2:

Tell it - with notes

Freedom to Serve 1 *Galatians 1:1 – 2:13*

Divide the material into smaller sections

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I gave you the pure gospel of Christ. So even if an angel from heaven comes and tells you something different—that angel is cursed! Yes, you heard me right. Let me be perfectly clear. Anyone who preaches this heresy is cursed.

Believe me, I understand what they're teaching. I loved Jewish tradition—so much that I tried to destroy the churches of God. But Christ saved me and called me to preach the gospel to Gentiles. He personally instructed me for three years in Arabia.

Now listen. Those same false teachers came to Antioch and tried to enslave our believers. I didn't tolerate it for one moment—absolutely not! The church finally sent Barnabas and me to Jerusalem to bring this issue before the apostles. They saw that God called me to the Gentiles in the same way Peter was called to the Jews.

Peter and I had already discussed this very issue. He came to Antioch and ate freely with Gentiles. But then some Jews came from Jerusalem. He immediately separated himself from his Gentile brothers. Other Jews joined him in this. Even Barnabas was pulled into this hypocrisy. I told Peter in front of everyone that this wasn't right!

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and key words

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Create your notes

Break

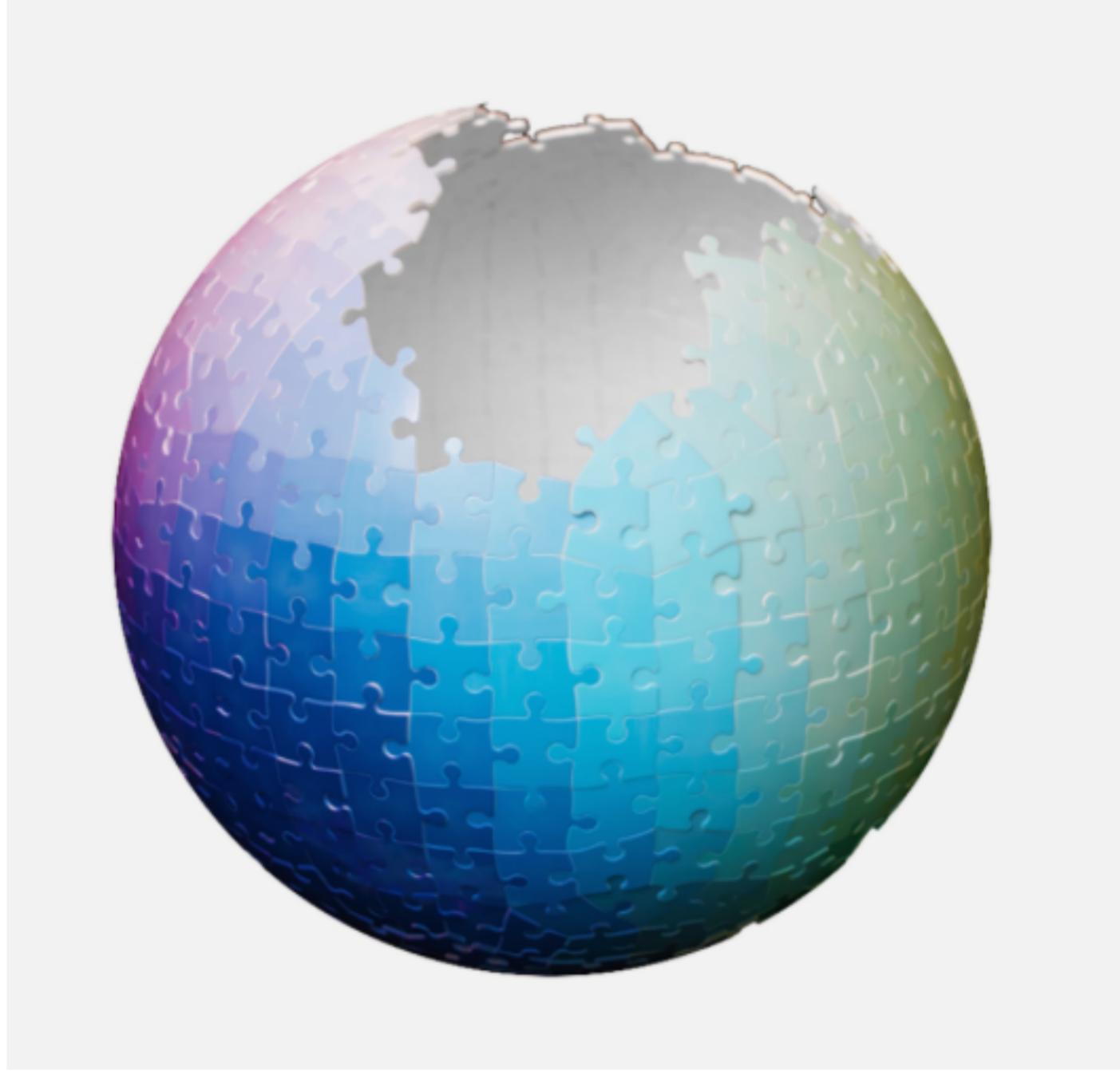
10:30 - 10:45

IEA

Don't **I**ntroduce it

Don't **E**xplain it

Don't **A**pply it



Three Principles to Understand

There is power in a Bible story simply told.

It is necessary to tell a story poorly until it can be told well.

It is important to experience telling it to other people five times.

