



K I N G D O M C O M M U N I T Y

## Week 11 | June 17 Sermon

### Community:

Leaders, this week is a great opportunity to share story within the group. Please identify half of the group to share this week and half to share next week and direct them to the following prompts (also on the sermon handout at The Welcome Center and online) to help in answering key questions about their story with Jesus.



## SHARING STORY

*Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Peter 3:15*

We are called to share the good news about the difference Jesus has made in our lives with our families and with others.

*Think about your story with Jesus.  
In 100 words or less answer these questions  
and practice telling someone your story.*

- What was your life like before Jesus?
- How did you encounter and experience Jesus?
- What is your life like after you've met Jesus?

*In simple ways as the Holy Spirit opens doors,  
share your story with others.*

## SANCTUARY :: Kevin Korver

Please read 1 Peter 3:8-17 and 4:1-11. What does the Spirit quicken in you in these passages?

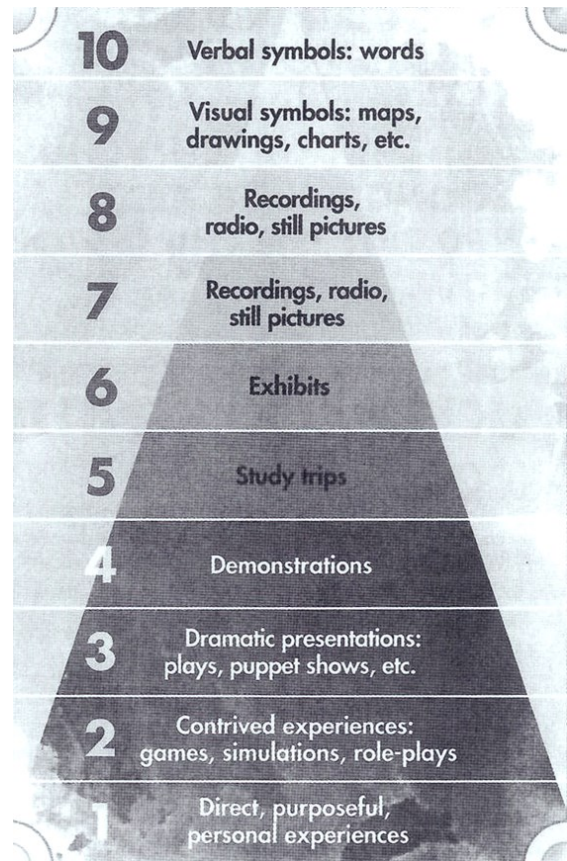
Is there anything here that encourages you in the sharing of your story with Jesus?

As you review the diagram to the right, can you see why "direct, purposeful, personal experiences" are so vital in becoming one who represents Jesus well?

Have you ever shared your story with Jesus? Where? When? With whom? The result?

What can be cultivated within you so that you are empowered to BLESS by sharing your story with Jesus?

Could you pray for each other in your group? Pray blessing, encouragement, opportunity, and a willingness to share.



Source: "The Cone of Experience" by Edgar Dale  
*Why Nobody Wants to go to Church Anymore*  
by Thom & Joani Schultz



*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

## AUDITORIUM :: Tom Vander Well

What was your favorite "story" as a child. How about as an adult? Why do you think these stories resonated with you?

Tom talked about the different types of conflict inherent in every story. Which of these types of conflict most connected with your and your life story?

Being a "witness" has often become synonymous with any number of systematic programs designed to explain God's plan of salvation (e.g. Four Spiritual Laws, The Bridge, Romans Road). These can certainly be useful tools, but how might Jesus' command to be a "witness" (e.g. giving personal testimony to what Jesus has done in your life) change the way you think of "witnessing"?

Some individuals might be apt to say "I don't have a story." Do you think this is possible? What might motivate someone to think or believe this?

Just as Paul succinctly shared the story of his life-changing encounter with Jesus (Acts 22 and Acts 26), would you be willing to bless the group by briefly sharing the story of how you encountered Jesus?