



Proclaiming Good News Along the Real Life Continuum

Hello!

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I'm here because I love to share
good news with people.

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A VERY BIG STORY

Object of Workshop: Helping you share the core message of the Christian faith while you're living out the Gospel through healthcare among the poor



Bad News?

Our world is in a mess,
and so are we:

*Sickness, brokenness,
division, strife, anger, fear,
greed, poverty, famine,
hate, corruption, crime,
injustice, trafficking,
racism, addiction,
faithlessness...*

Good News?

Our God knows and cares:

He has a plan that involves all of us to bring faith, hope, and love to our broken world, to comfort all who mourn, heal the sick, set captives free, raise up the poor, chastise the unjust, restore what has been devastated, and much more... Love is the answer!





“...the one who prophesies
speaks to people for their
upbuilding and encouragement
and consolation.

1 Corinthians 14:3

*A seer, a sign, and a standard

Imparting a vision of hope, healing and
restoration with guidance for the future

Sharing Good News

4 Spiritual Laws

- God's Love
- Man's Sin
- Jesus' Provision
- Receive Christ

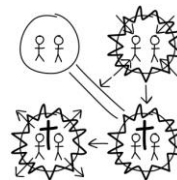


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Salvation
Campus Crusade

The Big Story

- Good Design
- Damaged
- Restored
- Sent



Discipleship
InterVarsity

Kingdom Story


- John 3:16, etc.
- Romans Road
- Entire Bible
- Lord's Prayer
- Doxology
- Creeds
- Psalm 23

Kingdom
Personal faith



I am the Vine,
you are the
branches

We've been grafted into the
Tree of Life to bear fruit.
Our leaves are for the
healing of the nations.



Want to have a big impact?
Be a branch, abide in the Vine, bear fruit, and put out lots of leaves!

Spiritual Competencies

Be about one's own journey of faith and discovery

- Prayer
- Mediation
- Study of many kinds
- Arts of many kinds
- Be with the poor

Listen to the whole person, patient, colleague, citizen.

- without one's own life dominating
- listen to the spirit, vitality, purpose without premature categorizing.

Illuminate and support movement from self to social (and back).

- appreciate emergent properties of spirit, social, psych and biology at each level
- without objectifying, manipulating or instrumentalizing

Appreciate literature and practices of faith and meaning traditions in context of current crisis / opportunity

Challenge tyranny of externalities, superficial measures and short term outcomes

Appreciate transformational potential of one's faith tradition and open appreciation for others'.

Experience awe, wonder, lament, hope at the edge of the ultimate

- alone
- with others

Facilitate group practice that :

Tend to human passages along the way: marrying, burying, graduating, lamenting and celebrating.

Develop group supports for "internal" growth, adaptation including counseling and small group process.

Appreciate the limitations of one's own spiritual path and journey.

forgive one's own self, history, and journey including the wounds inflicted on others along the way.

practice lament and hope

see one's own life whole over time.



Areas of lifestyle involvement

1. **Nutrition** – Is diet balanced, healthy, promoting health and well being?
2. **Fitness** – Are patient's regular activities, hygiene, and exercise sufficient to restore and maintain good health?
3. **Sleep/Rest Cycles** – Is patient getting enough regular rest, letting go of cares, working too hard, having disturbed sleep?
4. **Life Controlling Behaviors** – Are there ongoing problems with unresolved “hurts, hang-ups, and habits”, especially resentments, addictive behaviors, and dysfunctional relationships?
5. **Faith/Spiritual Life** – Does patient have a living, functional faith in the only God who cares and is able and willing to comfort, heal, and restore? Are they reconciled to God and walking with Him?



Interface with
12-Step and
Celebrate
Recovery

Being a living letter



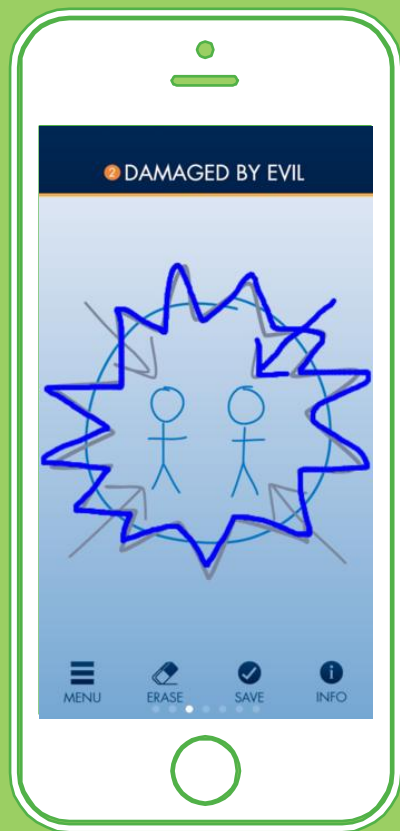


Sharing from the Word in your heart

1. **John 3:16** – God loves the world and is so committed to rescuing us that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to make His love accessible to us.
2. **The Lord's Prayer** – God is our heavenly Father who provides, forgives, leads, delivers, and rules with Kingdom authority, power, and glory.
3. **Psalm 23** – God is forever faithful to provide, restore, comfort, and lead.
4. **Apostle's Creed** – God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit all work together in divine harmony with a community of believers to give and work out forgiveness, redemption, resurrection, and eternal life.
5. **Nicene Creed** – One God who made heaven and earth, one Lord Jesus who, together with the Holy Spirit, mediates God's forgiveness and brings salvation, healing, and eternal life to all who believe in Him.

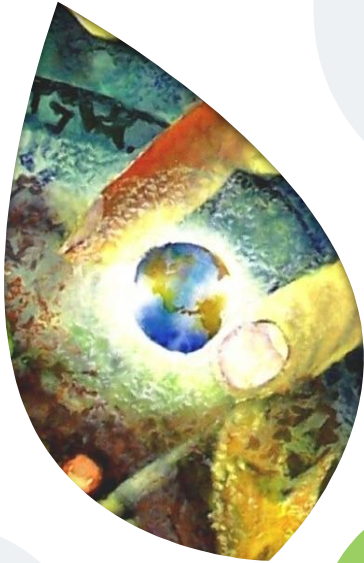
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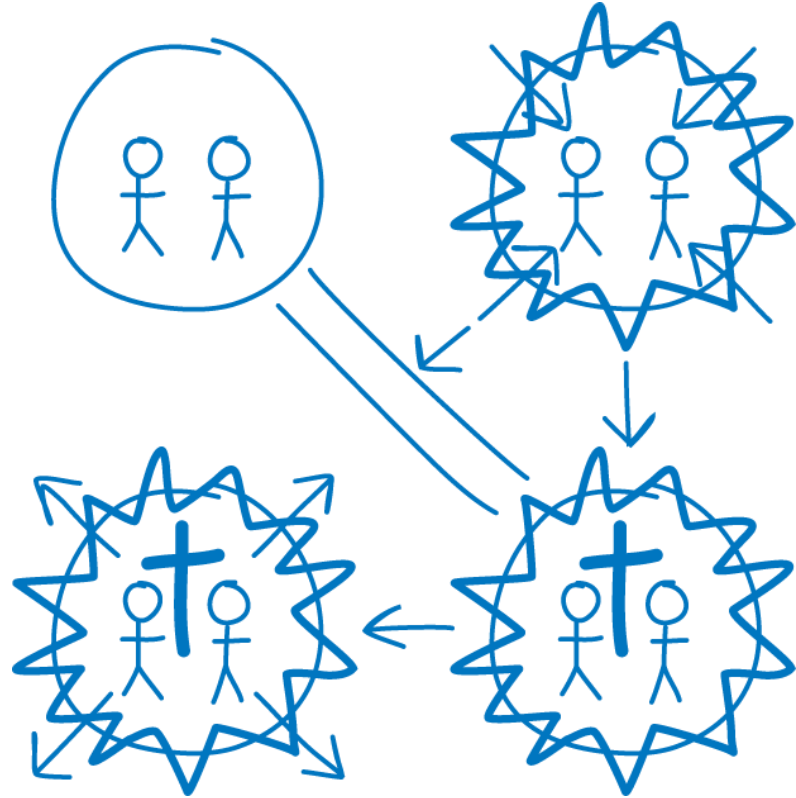
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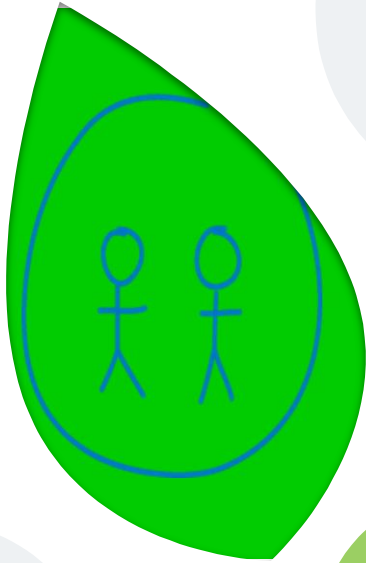
- **The Big Story** Gospel Presentation: *free app* for IOS and Android. 2018
- **True Story**: A Christianity Worth Believing In. 2008
- **Real Life**: A Christianity Worth Living Out. 2012



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Big True Story

A – The Big Story





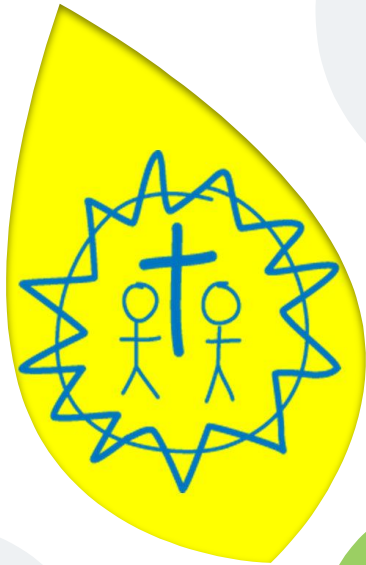
1. Designed for Good

In the Christian worldview, God created a world where everything was designed for good. The picture represents Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden where everything they needed was provided in a beautiful and bountiful environment. They walked and talked with God and were not troubled by guilt or shame.

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2. Damaged by Evil

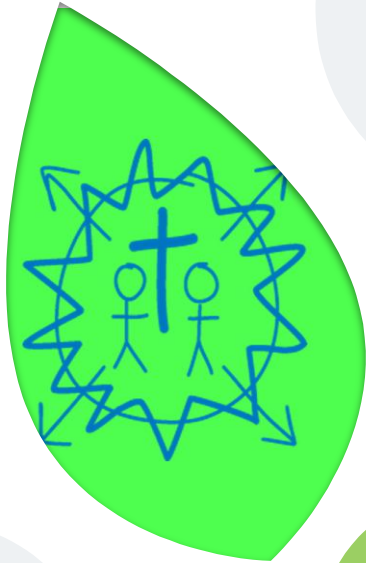
But instead of yielding to God's perfect plan, we and our forebears have pushed against God's design and bent things to our own purposes. That human tendency to self-will has damaged everything: ourselves, our relationships, and the world around us. In the process our relationship with God has been seriously damaged.



3. Restored for Better

But God loved the world too much to leave it this way. He came as Jesus. And through His death and resurrection, all of the power and penalty of this junk—in us and around us—dies with Him so that a new life and new world are possible. We can live with God, and He in us. We are forgiven and restored.

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4. Sent Together to Heal

Jesus asked us to be part of what he's still doing in the world. Quite a while back I became sick and tired of being part of the problem and responded to God's invitation to be part of His solution. Life has been a wonderfully exciting and challenging experience since then. Would you like to discover and fulfill your part, too?

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B – Generational Priorities

GENERATION

Boomers (1943-1960)

Gen X (1961-1981)

Millennials (1982-2002)

iGen (2003-2022)

Wrappers (2023-2043)

SPIRITUAL QUESTION

What is **True**?

What is **Real**?

What is **Good**?

What is **Beautiful**?


What is it **All About**?

“Men resemble the times more than they resemble their fathers.” American culture has been shown to go in a cycle of value priorities that shifts every 20 years and then repeats itself after every 4 generations.

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5-Generations in a Century



In primary care we
follow people of all ages
and need to be flexible

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“ Finally, brothers, whatever is *true*, whatever is *honorable*, whatever is *just*, whatever is *pure*, whatever is *lovely*, whatever is *commendable*, if there is any *excellence*, if there is anything *worthy of praise*, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8



“ *Do not rebuke an older man
but encourage him as you
would a father, younger men
as brothers, older women as
mothers, younger women as
sisters, in all purity.*

1 Timothy 5:1-2



“ *Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.* ”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Think
Revival!

C – Discipleship Stages

STAGE

Skeptic

Seeker

Follower

Leader

World changer

DISCIPLESHIP TASK

Trust building

Challenge decision

Recognize God's Voice

Empower to serve

Envision future

Note that evangelism is included in Choung's discipleship scheme. This involves finding out where each person is and sharing pertinent "Good News" with them where they are in their spiritual development.

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Discipleship Spectrum

Don't forget that you and other staff and providers need discipleship, too!



Steps in Christian Growth:

1. Initial conviction and conversion
2. Commitment to Christ, baptism
3. Prayer for fullness of the Holy Spirit
4. Discipleship in "milk of the word" then "meat"
5. Full repentance, healing, restoration of past hurts, hang-ups, and habits
6. Establishment in service/leadership
7. Sending forth into broader community witness

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The Kingdom Story

- God's in charge of everything – He's the King!
- He's the Author of love and healing
- He loves the world and all the people He created
- He lives in eternity, so he is always with us
- He knows all about you and still loves you
- We can't handle life alone without His help
- Nothing is too big or too small to ask for His help
- God hears, answers prayer, and brings answers
- He has a very good plan for your future
- Open your heart wide, receive His love
- We can ask anytime, even now together
- The best is yet to come!

Living in the Kingdom



Personal Development


- Confidence in the Father's love and forgiveness
- Secure commitment to Christ and His Word
- Empowerment with the Holy Spirit
- Ongoing awareness of God's presence
- Organized daily devotions, prayer, meditation
- Regular Scripture study, contemplation
- Sacraments, fellowship, worship, participation
- Commitment and service to family/others
- Growing in character and fruit of the Spirit
- Embracing calling and serving with love
- Sharing with and discipling others

Abiding in the Vine

Where are you?



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You never know
when a moment
and a few sincere words
can have an impact
on a life.

Sharing Good News Review

A Lifestyle

Sharing becomes part of a provider's lifestyle, both inside and outside the office, stemming from their heart.

Interwoven

Sharing is a seamless part of the clinical and personal encounter with each individual, tailored to their circumstances.

Natural

Sharing is the fruit of study, meditation, prayer, and gaining understanding of the human condition and God's love for us.

Technique

It is not a formula or technique that can be pulled out and applied like resetting a dislocated joint or applying a bandage.

Add On

It is not an optional add on to an unusual or particularly difficult visit which is done infrequently when time will permit.

Artificial

It is not an artificial "spiritual" intrusion into an otherwise competent but primarily secular clinical encounter.

Living out the Gospel

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What the Lord has
me working on
now, among other
things...

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Thanks!

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