

# God's Story

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## First Third

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15 Min *How are you?*

10 Min *Evaluation: What has become of the goals from the last meeting?*

15 Min *Vision*

### **People of Peace**

Jesus wants us to make others His disciples – and He also gives a more detailed explanation of how we should do this.

*Read Luke 10:1-12 together. Retell the story from memory.*

Jesus sends His disciples out and tells them to approach other people in a friendly way. Then they will encounter two different types of people: people of peace (literally “sons of peace” in verse 6) who are interested in the disciples and their message – and people who are not interested.

The Holy Spirit is constantly preparing people around us for God's good news and making them interested. However, if people are not interested, even with the best arguments we cannot turn them into “people of peace.” Jesus instructs his disciples to move on in this case and look for open people elsewhere (verse 10). In this sense, we cannot “make” just anyone a disciple, but we can learn to work better and better together with the Holy Spirit by

- finding out if someone is a person of peace and, if so
- explaining to them what God's good news is (verse 9) and disciple them.

Common misunderstanding: “I don't need to talk about my faith—they should see it in my life.” Paul reminds us, “*And how can they believe in him if they have never heard of him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*” (Romans 10:14b).

The Holy Spirit prepares many people for the gospel, but most will only find Jesus when someone explains the good news to them. That's why it is important for us to look out for interested people and be prepared to explain God's story to them.

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## Second Third

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10 Min *Worship*

10 Min *Learning from the Book of Acts. Share with each other: What did you learn from Acts 21-24? What is the Holy Spirit teaching you? Use your filled out worksheets for the Book of Acts.*

20 Min *New lesson: Now give each participant a copy of this worksheet and a copy of “God's Story”.*

### **Sharing the Good News: Three important stories**

#### **Their story**

- When you talk with someone, listen!
- Get to know the other person by asking questions about family, interests, problems, spiritual background, etc.

#### **Your story (see first lesson)**

- Always be ready to share your story with God in normal conversations.
- This can help you find people of peace to whom you can share God's story.

**God's story (the “gospel”)** – *Memory aid: The five fingers of your left hand*

*Now read together through the worksheet “God's Story”.*



25 Min *Practice: Go into groups of two and tell each other God's story.*

5 Min **My personal goals until next time:**



*Use your people list, pray and set your personal goals:*

- ☐ I will share my story with God with \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ☐ I will practice telling God's story \_\_\_ times.
- ☐ I will study Acts 25-28 and write down what God is teaching me (using the *Acts Worksheet*)
- ☐ I will train \_\_\_\_\_ just as I have been trained
- ☐ I will pray for the people on my list every day.

10 Min *Pray for each other*