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Nancy's text

“Sunday teaching idea: what help do Christians/churches have for the urban center violence and racial tensions? Refugees brought to U.S. Why doesn't it ultimately matter who is elected? What is the answer to U.S. problems; world problems”



My response

If I get in trouble because of this message it is your fault. She said: “I take no responsibility. It was an idea. You will take it and say what you want to say.”

Just an interesting personal note and insight into Nancy!



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THEOLOGY IN CULTURE

BILD EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

What is “theology in culture”?

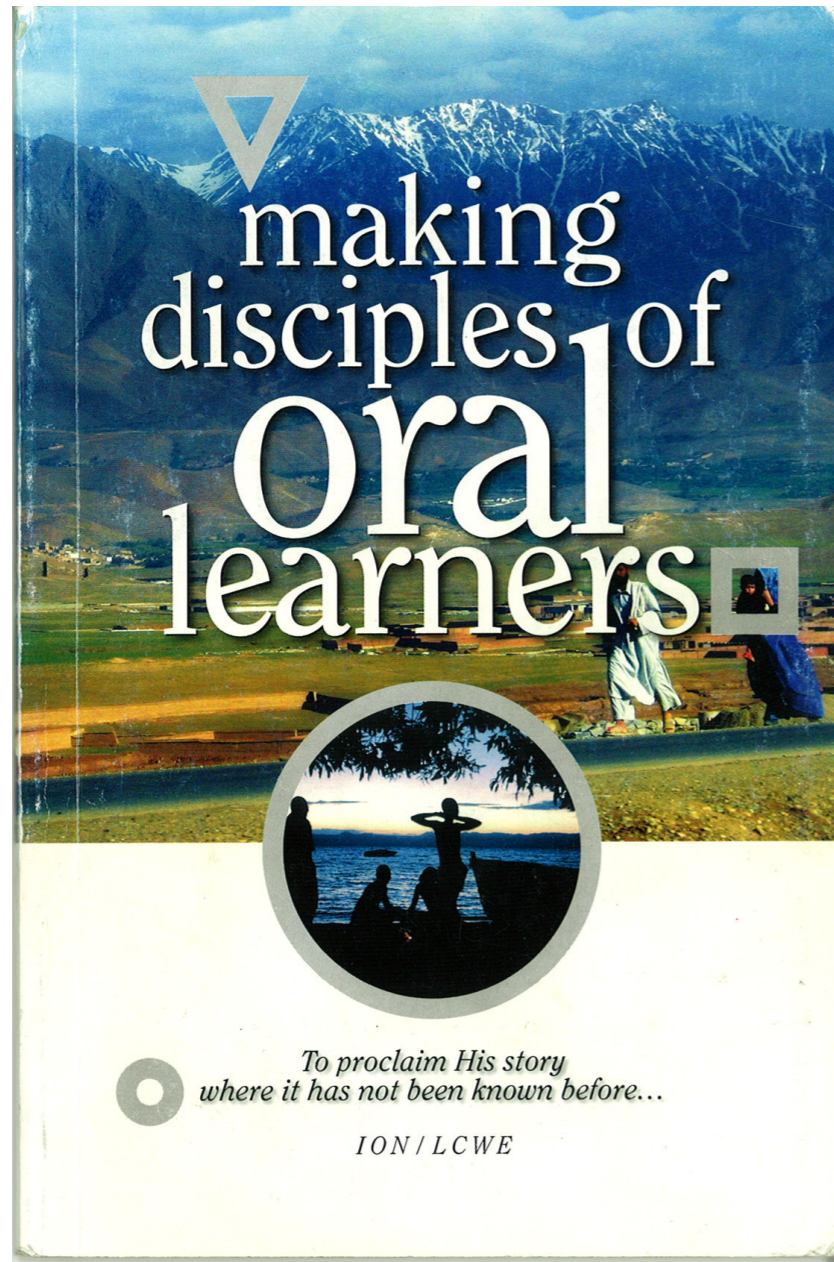
What does it mean? Why is it important?



Last week we focused on the idea of theology in culture (through the eyes of the Global South, especially around the orality-literacy issue)

We concluded...



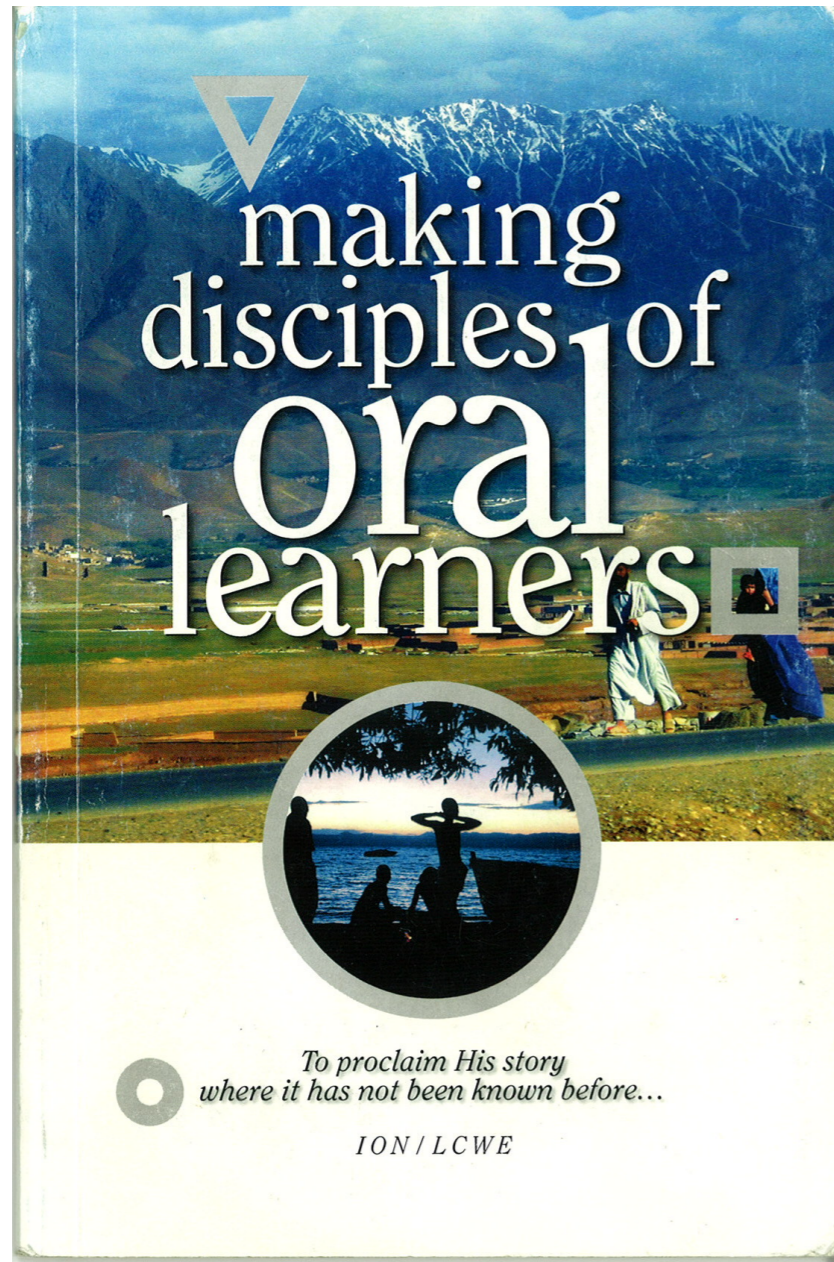


Its basic assumptions

- Only use narrative literature (stories).
- Non-literates cannot reason like literates.
- Select stories that fit the culture.
- Prioritize parables that are easy to understand.
- Remove our interpretive marks; keep stories pure.
- Just tell stories, let the local leaders deal with doctrinal issues.

Usually 50-100 stories make up the curriculum.





It should look more like this

- Small churches/groups of believers (both literate and non-literate) gathered together in a Socratic discussion style around the Word,
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- so we can think biblically in our cultural setting, giving substantive answers for our faith, as we engage in good occupations and meet pressing needs.

Now it's time to practice.

Let's do a little theology in culture.



Issue: Controversial elections during the conference

1. If those in your home ask you who you are voting for, what will you say?
2. What about issues such as immigration and open borders movement versus secure borders and rule of law?
3. What about issues like our inner cities and black lives matter?
4. How *should* we think about these issues? (theology in culture)?



Basic passages on government

¹Every person must be subject to the ruling authorities. There is no authority, you see, except from God, and those that exist have been put in place by God. ²As a result, anyone who rebels against authority is resisting what God has set up, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terrors for people who do good, but only for people who do evil.

Romans 13:1–3



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¹So, then, this is my very first command: God's people should make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings on behalf of all people— ²on behalf of kings, and all who hold high office, so that we may lead a tranquil and peaceful life, in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good; it is acceptable with God our savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth.... ⁸So this is what I want: the men should pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, with no anger or disputing.



1 Timothy 2:1–4, 8

Examples

1. Paul Nuth and 2 of the 5 top leaders why praise? Obey government.
2. Little Rock: 1,000 prisoners released over 2 years
3. Lester McCorn, Michel Faulkner
4. Lester McCorn and 60 national pastors (New Jim Crow)
5. Ames, liberal but RE:BUILD
6. Joe Mattera - my neighborhood
7. Antioch City Initiative: RE:BUILD
8. Antioch City Initiative: DSM Myanmar Network
9. Brightmore and NW Detroit churches



This week examples

1. Tuesday: Baltimore with Lester
2. Wednesday: Jain/Chang—meet in Buffalo
3. Thursday: Buffalo with Emory and key pastors
4. Friday: Detroit—Brightmore with Triette, Jerome and leaders

Next 4 weeks

1. India: religious government (Hindu)
2. Bangladesh: religious government (Islam)
3. Myanmar: dictatorship government
4. Sri Lanka: war and factions
5. India



Is it important how we think about these things?
That we not get distracted from Christ's plan?

If I understand the basic biblical passages, then I
can shape these movements and get them
focused on Christ's grand strategy—the Church.



This is such an important election. How should we think with these international leaders in our homes?

Here are your talking points

1. Doesn't matter who wins, we are oriented to obey our government and pray without anger.
2. We have our opinions, vote responsibly, and make our case for which candidate we think is best for giving us freedom to engage in good occupations and to meet pressing needs.
3. We recognize that we do not know what God is up to and which government would serve God's purposes for His churches.





SCHEDULE

for BILD's International Partners

Wednesday-Friday October 26-28

- Program Development Track
 - Skill Building Workshops
 - BILD Cloud Training
 - International Associate Faculty & Certified Leader Training
- Review 5-Year International Partner Plans



for BILD's North American and International Partners

Monday - October 31

- BILD North American and International Cluster Meetings
- North America - Antioch School Initial Certification

Tuesday - November 1

- Doing Theology in Culture: The BILD Training System
 - Antioch School Initial Certification (Participates in session)

Wednesday - November 2

- International Clusters: Report Generation
- Workshops
 - Leadership Series Course Modules
 - Skill Building Workshops
 - BILD Cloud Training
- North America - Antioch School Initial Certification

Thursday - November 3

- 30-City Urban Center Initiatives - Reporting and Sharing Best Practices
- Workshops
 - Leadership Series Course Modules
 - Skill Building Workshops
 - BILD Cloud Training



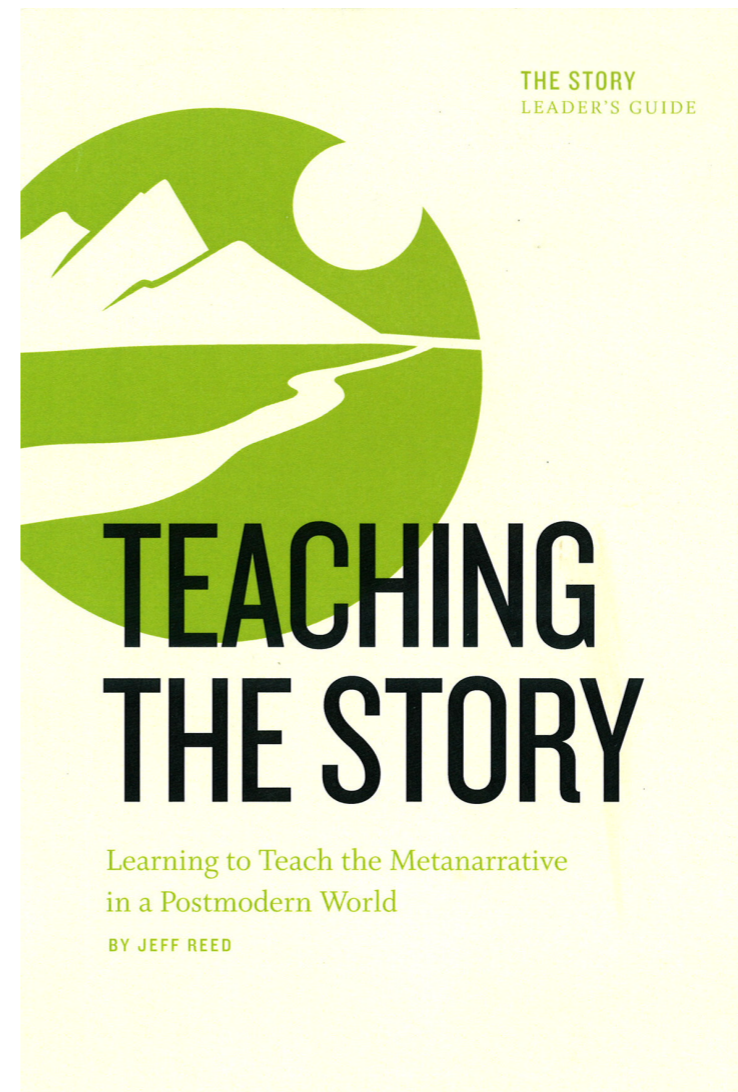
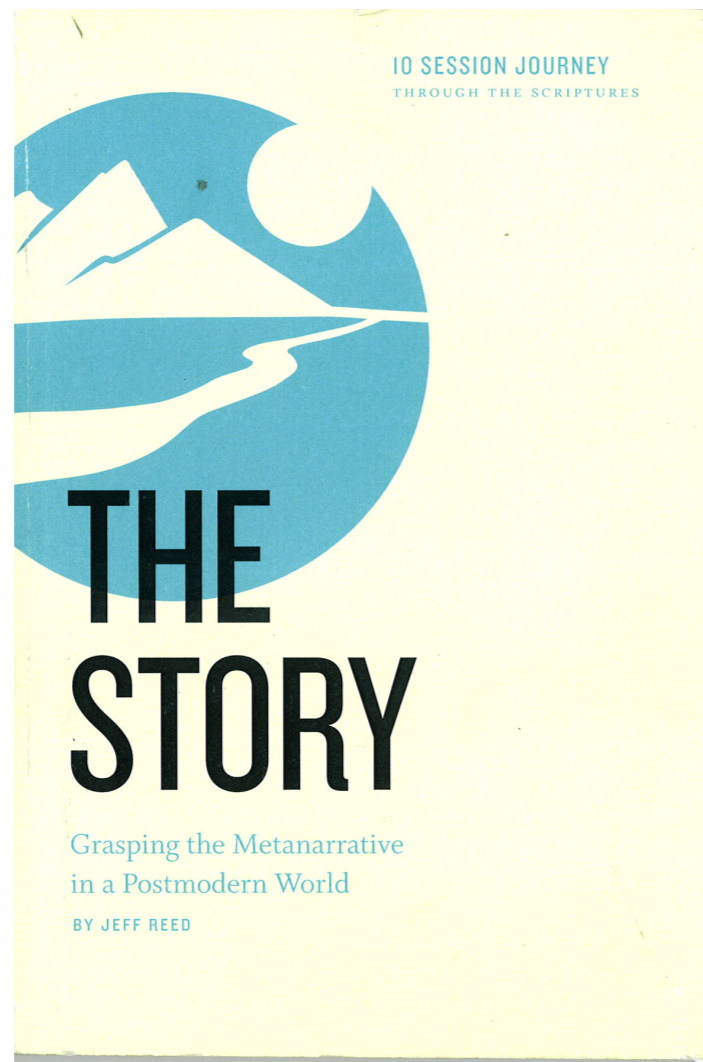
2016 Executive Leadership Summit

- Evening Keynote: Doing Theology in Culture
 - *Jeff Reed, President and CEO, BILD International*

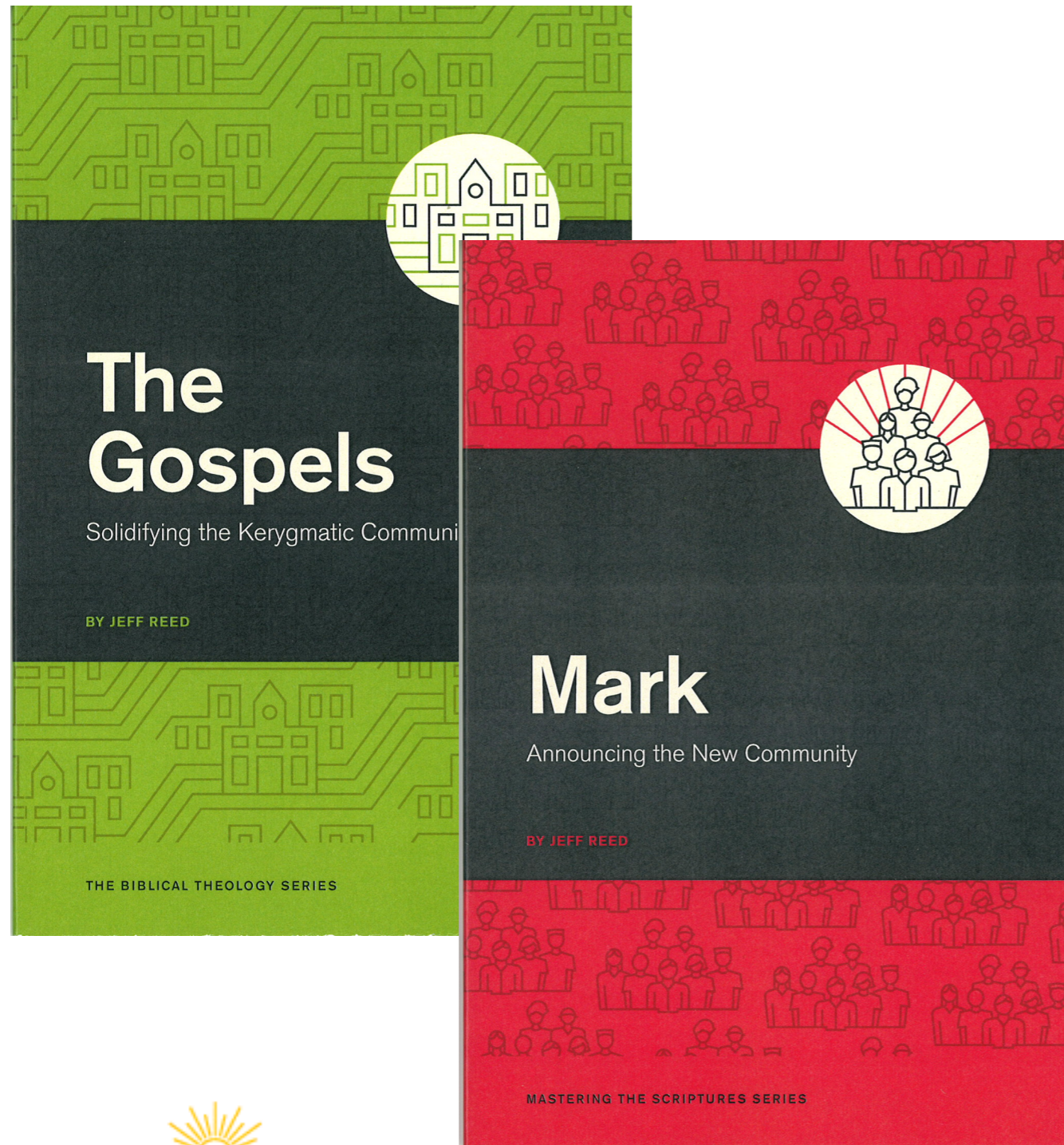
Friday - November 4

- Theology in Culture Perspectives: Foundation and City Initiative
 - *Randy Kennedy, Asia Strategy Director, The Maclellan Foundation*
- State of the Network - Cluster Reports
- Conference Banquet
 - Banquet Keynote: Theology in Culture Perspectives
 - *Chadwick Samuel, Lead Pastor, New Life Assembly of God Church, Chennai, India*





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