

Training Programme Name: **Missional Storytelling & Orality in Your Context**

Overall aim: Explore the storytelling patterns and principles of Jesus and learn practical, applicable tools to reach people of all ages, cultures and abilities with the gospel.

This training is for: International ministry and church leaders who want to follow in the footsteps of Jesus to tell stories that connect with listeners powerfully. Open to anyone who feels passionate about making the gospel accessible to everyone. We are excited to collaborate with like-minded people to fulfil our God-given vision through the powerful tool of storytelling.

About the trainers: **Gemma Gillard** is a writer, storyteller and founder and CEO of Truth Be Told, a storytelling charity that tackles isolation with the hope of the gospel for those of any age, culture or ability. She has been delivering storytelling training for many years in different contexts. From Stoke on Trent to Taiwan, from clergy to non-readers, aged from 2 years to 92 years! She is passionate about the good news of Jesus being shared limitlessly through story.

Vivek Meena serves as an Orality Trainer and Facilitator, passionately equipping individuals through the power of storytelling. He has been privileged to engage with diverse audiences—from remote villages across India, where many are unable to read or write, to international platforms addressing theological faculties. His heart is to see people rediscover and experience the transformative art of gospel storytelling just like Jesus.

Duration & Dates: The training is four hours long split over two sessions and will cover the following:

Session 1 (12-2 pm BST):

1. Basic Orality: An introduction to storytelling
2. Biblical application: Practicing the power of story

Session 2 (12-2 pm BST):

3. To what shall I compare it? How to write a contextual parable
4. Orality in practice: How to tell a good story

Programme 1 dates: 19th & 21st May

Programme 2 dates: 30th Jun & 2nd July

Programme 3 dates: 15th & 17th Sep

- The training will be most effective if participants attend the online sessions together in person in pairs, although this isn't essential.
- We have intentionally designed the training to be cross-cultural, flexible and can be contextualized within your place of ministry and community.
- All sessions will be practical and workshop-style so that even this short introduction to storytelling and orality can be applied by participants straight away.
- We have a shared heart to see gospel storytelling transform lives and communities and so we are offering three free training programmes. Donations are entirely voluntary, but your feedback after the programme is essential to enable us to continue our work.

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