



First Class “Housekeeping”

- Class dynamics
- Who “story telling, memory work” is for
- Brief introductions

1. Intro to Remember

Memory work

Story Time

2. A Theology of Story

Remember

My task - discover what Scripture says about story work

- a. Overview - “story”



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b. Stories are the primary way God chose to reveal Himself

c. Purpose of the stories in Scripture

d. Purpose of telling our stories



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- e. NET (Mentioned briefly as an example; details provided later in the course)

3. Stories exist in our memories

- a. Overview - “memory”

4. Exercise: Noticing Memory

An Example of Remembering: Noticing a “God Moment”

ESV Christmas
Safe to Hope Bonus Episode (AMG & Julia Jan. 23, 2024)
<http://tinyurl.com/musvmws9>

Felt:
Surprised
Loved
Cared for
I cried
Only God would have known how much that would mean to me
“I will take care of you”

Seaboards
annmareegoudzwaard.com “Delicious Despair” Part 1
<http://tinyurl.com/5as3a47c>

Felt:
Devastated
Bob’s care at a very difficult time in our marriage
God was *present*
“I see you”



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5. The Help[H]er

Assuming you already are one or that you will be using what you have learned in this course to be one (not necessarily officially)

- a. Imagine sitting with a suffering soul who wants to tell you their story
 - i. What will your posture be?
 - ii. What kinds of things will you say?
 - iii. What will you NOT say?
 - iv. How much will you interact with their story as they tell it?
 - v. If you want to help draw out,
 1. Accurate language
 2. Biblical language
 3. Truthful languageWhat will you be listening for?
 - vi. What will you be careful about in your time together?
 - vii. What will you do with anything in their story that challenges your presuppositions? Your theology?
 - viii. How will you let their story broaden your application of the Bible?
 - ix. What actions (inaction?) will you take to assure the storyteller they are known?
 - x. How will you bless those who invite you to enter into their story?