

Telling the Story

- God's Grand, True Story of Creation-Fall-Redemption-Consummation (Real answers to Real questions)
 - Creation
 - Who is God?
 - Who am I?
 - Why am I here?
 - What is this place?
 - What is real?
 - Fall
 - What is wrong with this place?
 - What is wrong with me?
 - Things are not the way they are supposed to be
 - Redemption
 - What is the solution to this problem of sin?
 - Person and Work of Jesus the Christ-life, death and resurrection
 - Consummation
 - For what may we hope?

- Metzger's "Coming Home" Story approach (See Sheet)

The Whole Gospel to Whole Persons

- The Mind-thinking God's thoughts, not judging God's ways
 - Don't overly exalt the mind or unduly neglect it

- The Affections (Emotions)-Emotions led by Truth
 - Nothing sets the heart on fire like Truth!

- The Will-God willing us to will him through the use of his messenger
 - Romans 6:17 "But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient [will] from the heart [affections and center of your being]to the standard of teaching [mind] to which you were committed."

Ministry of Presence

Ministry of Listening

- Find something interesting in what is being said and ask questions
- The message being conveyed is more important than the grammar and structure, etc.
- Listen rationally; evaluate but suspend judgment
- Listen for feelings being conveyed
- Note patterns, principles, basic ideas being conveyed
- Show disciplined attention through brief comments and reactions
- Concentrate by focusing eyes and mind
- Welcome the expression of difficult ideas or problems
- Probe for the idea, assumption, problem behind the surface words
- Maintain control of your own emotions and be unshockable
- Think about what is being said, and if advice is sought, use biblical principles

(Metzger, Tell the Truth, 212-213)