

Narrative Lectionary Discussion Guide

The discussion guide is in three parts for preparation and sharing for each session.

1. Know the Story: “What is the story about?”

- Read the text in two different translations (recommendation: NRSV and the Message) 3 times.
- Paraphrase or summarize the main story in your own words (articulate and know the text/story in your own words)

2. Meditate the Story: “What does the story teach?”

- What surprises and questions do you have from the story?
- What resonate (or dissonate) you the most from the story?
- How does the story fit into the main context of the bigger story (meta narrative)?
- What do you think are the main ideas, principles, or points in the story?
- What does the story teach you (theological reflection)?

3. Live the Story: “How does the story apply to your life?”

- How does the story apply to your life, right now?
 - What are the key changes (actions) do you need to make in your own life based on your reflection of the story?
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- Please be free to ask your own questions.
 - Please make use of the resources and commentaries available from the internet (Wikipedia is a good source for a quick introduction and commentary on the stories)
 - Also, please visit the Working Preacher’s website for the overall information on the N.L. resources. <https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative-faq>