

Wisdom Seekers

The Power of Storytelling, Week 5

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Wisdom Seekers Housekeeping

- Put name card on pew in front of you
- Sign the “borrow list” if you would like to borrow *The Healing Power of Stories*
- Course presentations and documents are online at <http://www.gotell.org> and at <http://www.mckinleyumc.org/osher-class/>
- Staying for lunch? Sign notebook please.

Our Religious/Spiritual Stories

1. Form groups of 4.
2. Take turns telling...
 - a. Which prompt inspired you
 - b. Your story
 - c. To whom you told the story and the nature of their response.

Telling to a Med-Size Group

1. Form groups of 6-8.
2. Using a talking piece, take turns telling a family, school, or religious story.
3. Follow the process guidelines on the handout.

Stories of Popular Culture

“People we don’t even know surround us with their stories. They flow from the television, radio, video recorder, movies—even from the Internet...”

...They insinuate themselves into our lives through books, magazines, journals, manifestos, and street-corner tracts...

...They come to us as films, dramas, documentaries, songs, advertisements, and news. All of them advocate something: an attitude, an outlook, a value...

...a fact, a product, an experience. We do well to ask ourselves what these stories are doing to us.”

From *The Healing Power of Story* by Daniel Taylor, p. 162

Connections

In pairs or small groups discuss stories from popular culture that have impacted.

Consider stories from:

- Movies
- Television
- Internet
- Etc.

Story-Work

1. Read through the story prompts.
2. Pick two stories that emerge from reflection on the prompts.
3. Record stories in your journal.
4. Evaluate each story; record.
5. Tell one story; record responses.