

CRASH COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Our mission with The Backyard Bard is to help people to engage with the incredible stories contained in God's word- to enjoy them, to share them, and most importantly, to come to know the God who is revealed by them.

Hundreds of people have found our workshops, seminars and one-day crash courses to be a fun, easy and practical way to learn the art of both Biblical Storytelling and Public Bible Reading. Our skilled team runs training for all ages and skill levels with no experience necessary, providing sessions ranging from private coaching to entire church workshops.



You have the opportunity to host a training event for your community.

There are two types of courses:

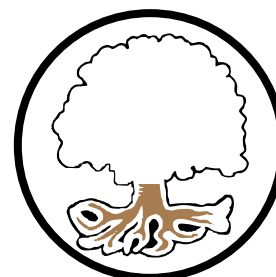
Biblical Storytelling

This is our specialty. We love sharing the principles of what we do. Not only do people learn Biblical Storytelling, it revolutionises the way they look at the Bible. We begin with the Philosophy of Storytelling - why the stories in the Bible matter. Then we go through the Process of connecting with and learning a story. Finally we go through tips on Presenting the story and, after a time of practicing, participants get a chance to tell the story they've been working on.

Public Bible Reading

The the public reading of the Bible at church can be one of the most significant aspects of any service. Sadly, it is one of the most neglected disciplines as well (although we believe this is changing!).

Using our Biblical Storytelling training program as a template, we have developing a unique set of workshops designed to help people to learn the art of Public Bible Reading. The participants work on reading passages from different genres in the Bible such as 'Narrative', 'Poetry', 'Prophecy' and 'Epistle'.



Philosophy



Process



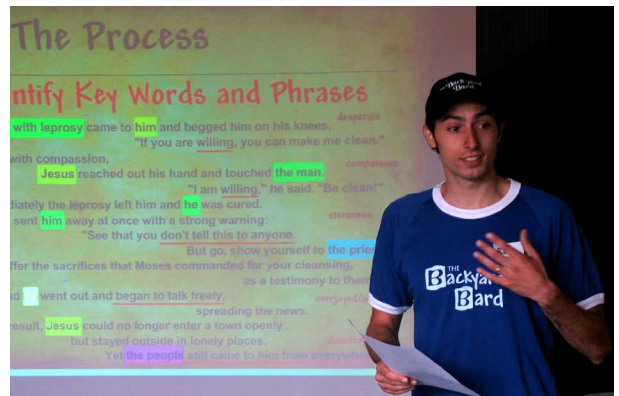
Presentation

There are two main modes of courses:

Workshop

Suggested Length - 90 - 120 minutes
\$12 per person (10 person minimum) ‡

Participants get a taste of the training material and are able to work through a short story from Mark's Gospel. Excellent for a camp/conference, training night, staff professional development session. Also is terrific for a Youth Group night or Christian Education lesson because it encourages them to read the Bible for themselves.



One-Day Crash Course

10am - 5pm
\$35 per person (10 person minimum) ‡

Here we get to delve deep into each session and participants have time to prepare and present the passages they've worked on. Each participant gets to keep a training workbook valued at \$10.

Please contact us right away to express interest in having us come or if you have any questions. We'd love to discuss with you how we can train your people to communicate the Bible with passion and creativity.

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The Backyard Bard is putting the old craft of Biblical Storytelling back on the map. Not just because they tell stories from the Bible that are confronting, passionate and full of intrigue; but because The Backyard Bard believes all of us can do it.

To hear The Backyard Bard is a profound experience, but I suggest you go one better and book yourself into one of their interactive workshops. You will surprise yourself at how good you are at Biblical Storytelling while the word of God is bound to grip you at the deepest level.

‡ Costs are flexible - please contact us to discuss.

