

# THE STORY Q's

2017: YEAR OF BIBLICAL LITERACY



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ISRAEL CASE STUDIES

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# INTRO TO ISRAEL CASE STUDIES

For the next few weeks we will be looking at various stories in the Old Testament and asking the question; "How does what happened then apply to me now?" We see people caught up in times of war, peace, testing, prosperity, captivity, and depravity. The important thing is that although we may now live in different times, our God has not changed, and neither has human nature! It is all there to teach us how to live in a covenant relationship with the God who calls us.

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## PARALLELS

Start by reading **ROMANS 15: 1-4** & **1 CORINTHIANS 10: 1-13**

**Q1** Who are these authors speaking to in their writings? What are they telling us about what has been written before them? What are they for?

**Q2** What parallels can you draw between this 1 Corinthians passage (written 2000 years ago) and our lives today?

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## DESIGNED TO HELP US NOW

We mentioned four reasons why what was written then is designed to help us now:

**1 TO PROVOKE US TO THINK**

**2 TO WARN US**

**3 TO ENCOURAGE US**

**4 TO LEAD US TO THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**

# LET'S PRACTICE

Read **1 SAMUEL 25** together out loud as a group.  
(Listen carefully to the different characters' perspectives and attitudes.)

**Q3** What seemed to be driving each of these characters' actions?

**Q4** Using the four points from the last page for how they fit into this story...  
How can these apply to our lives today?

**Q5** More importantly, how does the message of the Gospel come into play here?

*"The moral of the story often will have much more to do with what we learn of God than of identifying with a particular character. In other words, the characters are meant to be an example to us to avoid or imitate, but ultimately we are meant to encounter God in a fresh new way."*

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