

International Orality Network – Annual Conference
Local Church Training Session
Northwest Atlanta Area, September 2010

Introduction:

The International Orality Network (ION) connects people who are reaching oral communicators as well as unreached people groups (UPGs) to storying and storytelling resources and training. Each year ION holds an conference to bring together those interested in learning more about oral methods with those who have years of experience and knowledge to pass along.

We are adding a new element to this year's conference in that we will be offering to do a 90-minute training session in local churches. This document provides planning details for these training sessions.

This year's conference will be held in the Atlanta area from September 20th to 23rd at the WinShape Retreat in Rome, Georgia. The church training will be held on Tuesday evening, **September 21st**.

Purpose:

The purpose of the church training is to help introduce a local congregation to orality with the goal of helping them understand how orality principles could be used both locally in their congregation as well as for mission teams being sent out from the church. We would like to conduct these training sessions in five different church locations. A team of three trainers will be sent to each church. We also will be inviting attendees from the conference to join and observe the training so that they will be able to see how they might be able to conduct a similar training in other settings. This session will be called, "Spreading the Word to Those Who Don't Read a Word."

Schedule:

Segment One – Understanding Orality (20 minutes):

Segment Two – Bible Story Demonstration (40 minutes):

Segment Three – Secondary Orality Overview (15 minutes):

Segment Four – Practical Applications (15 minutes):

Invitation:

The International Orality Network (ION) would like to invite your church to host a ninety-minute session called, “Spreading the Word to Those Who Don’t Read a Word.” Two-Thirds of the world’s people are oral preference learners. The world of missions and Bible teaching is rapidly advancing in its understanding of how to use oral methods to be more effect in reaching and teaching this majority. We would like ___church name___ to have an opportunity to host a training on Tuesday, September 21st. In this 90-minute session you’ll have an opportunity to:

- Be introduced to Orality from a historical and theological perspective.
- Share in the wonderful experience of seeing an oral Bible story demonstrated
- Be given an opportunity to participate in a story demonstration.
- Learn about Secondary Orality
- Be shown ways to use what you’ve learned in practical ministry situations

ION will provide the trainers, handouts and will run the training. We simply ask that you promote this event in your church. ___name___ will be in contact with you in the next week or so to inquire as to your availability and interest.

Thank you for your time.