

Storytelling Assignments - October 2025

Day	Location/Event	Story Title	Event/Site	StoryTeller	
1-Monday	Departure - Chicago				
2-Tuesday	Arrival - Istanbul-Izmir				
3-Wednesday Pergamum, Smyrna	(On bus - 1.5 hours)	Paul's Timeline--Conversion & Early Ministry		Rog Schmidgall	
		230a Conversion of Saul 1			
		230b Conversion of Saul 2			
	Pergamum		<i>Cable car to Acropolis</i>		
			1st Century Culture: #1-Living in a Roman City		
			Revelation 2:12-17 Letter to Pergamum		
			<i>Asklepion (Healing Center)</i>		
	(On bus - 1.5 hours)	233 Christians at Antioch			
		234a Barnabas and Saul to Jerusalem 1			
		234b Barnabas and Saul to Jerusalem 2			
Smyrna (Izmir)		<i>Agora (Market)</i>			
		Revelation 2:8-11 Letter to Smyrna			
4-Thursday Sardis, Laodicea, Hierapolis	(On Bus - 1.5 hours)	Revelation 2:18-29: Letter to Thyatira			
		1st Century Culture: #2-Children			
		1st Century Culture: #3-Brief Roman Republic			
	Sardis		Revelation 3:1-6 Letter to Sardis		
			Revelation 3:7-13 Letter to Philadelphia		
	Laodicea		Revelation 3:14-22 Letter to Laodicea		
	Hierapolis		<i>Tomb of Philip, Gates of Hell</i>		
		Story of Philip			
5-Friday Colossae	Colossae	257 Onesimus - Philemon			
		Excavation of Colossae		Dr. Baris Yener	
	(On Bus - 3 hours)	1st Century Culture: #4-Slaves			
		Paul's Timeline--1st Missionary Journey		Rog Schmidgall	
		235a Beginnings of Missionary Journeys 1			
		235b Beginnings of Missionary Journeys 2			
		236 From Worship to Stoning			
		237a Keeping Jewish Laws 1			
237b Keeping Jewish Laws 2					
6-Saturday Ephesus	Ephesus Library	Revelation 2: Letter to Ephesus			
	Ephesus Amphitheater	244a Riot at Ephesus 1			
		244b Riot at Ephesus 2			
	Church Ruins	Paul's Letter to the Ephesians		Rog Schmidgall	
		<i>Caesar of the Day: #1-Augustus</i>			
	John's Burial Site	258a John's Visions 1			
		258b John's Visions 2			
		<i>Basilica of St. John</i>			
Ephesus Archaeological Museum	<i>Caesar of the Day: #8-Domitian</i>				
	1st Century Culture: #5-Travel				
7-Sunday Thessaloniki	(In transit from Turkey to Greece)	<i>Caesar of the Day: #2-Tiberius</i>			
		The Center of Christianity in the First Centuries		Rog Schmidgall	
		239a The Call to Europe			

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8-Monday Neapolis, Philippi, Thessaloniki	(On Bus from Thessaloniki to Neapolis - 2 hours)	Paul's Timeline--2nd Missionary Journey, Egnatian Way		Rog Schmidgall
		1st Century Culture: #6-Women		
		<i>Caesar of the Day: #3-Caligula</i>		
	Neapolis (Kavala)		<i>Paul's Landing Port</i> <i>Overlook the harbor and Walk on the Egnatian Way</i>	
	Philippi River	239b First European Believer		
	St. Lydia Church		<i>Mosaic Floor Map of Paul's Journeys</i>	
	Philippi Ruins	239c Singing in Jail		
	Thessaloniki	240a Paul's Team in Thessalonica		
9-Tuesday Thessaloniki, Berea	(On Bus - 1 hour)	1st Century Culture: #7-Marriages		
		<i>Caesar of the Day: #4-Claudius</i>		
	Berea	240b Paul's Team in Berea		
		241a Trials and Persecution 1 (1st Thessalonians)		
		241b Trials and Persecution 2 (1st Thessalonians)		
(On Bus - 1 hour)	Paul's Timeline--3rd Missionary Journey		Rog Schmidgall	
	1st Century Culture: #8-Roman Status			
10- Wednesday Athens	Acropolis		<i>Athena Nike, Erechtheion, Parthenon</i>	
	Mars Hill (Areopagus)	240c Mars Hill		
	Agora	<i>Caesar of the Day: #5-Nero</i>		
		Brief Overview of 2nd Thessalonians		
	Acropolis Museum		<i>Hephestion</i>	
11-Thursday Canal, Corinth, Cenchrea	Corinthian Canal		<i>Original Diolkos Stones</i>	
	Erastus Engraving	Romans 16:23 Erastus		Rog Schmidgall
	Corinth Ruins		<i>Temple of Apollo</i>	
	BEMA Seat / Forum	243 Mob in Corinth		
		245a Church Fights (1st Corinthians 1-4)		
		245b Church Life & Marriage (1st Corinthians 5-7)		
		246a Principles & Public Worship (1st Cor. 8-11)		
		246b Spiritual Gifts & Resurrection (1st Cor. 12-16)		
	Acrocorinth	<i>Caesar of the Day: #6-Vespasian</i>		
1st Century Culture: #10-Sexuality				
Cenchreae Harbor	Romans 16 Priscilla, Aquila, Apollos, Phoebe		Rog Schmidgall	
12-Friday Depart	Travel Home OR Rome Extension (see next page)			

ROME EXTENSION

Day	Location/Event	Story Title	Event/Site	StoryTeller	
12-Friday Entering Rome	Fly to Rome				
	Catacombs		<i>Tour the Underground Burial Tunnels</i>		
	Appian Way			<i>Walk on the Appian Way</i>	
			Paul's Timeline--Arrest, Trials, Journey to Rome		Rog Schmidgall
			255 Storm at Sea		
		256 Shipwreck and Rome			
13-Saturday Vatican, St. Peter's Square, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Paul's House Arrest	Vatican Museum		<i>Guided tour</i>		
	Sistine Chapel		<i>Guided tour</i>		
	St. Peter's Basilica		<i>Guided tour</i>		
	St. Peter's Square		249a With and Without Christ 1 (Romans)		
			249b With and Without Christ 2 (Romans)		
	Pantheon		<i>Pantheon</i>		
	Trevi Fountain		<i>Trevi Fountain</i>		
	Basilica of Santa Maria in Via Lata		<i>Basement - Location of Paul's House Arrest</i>		
14-Sunday Ancient Rome, Paul's Martyrdom and Burial	Church of Peter in Chains		<i>Michelangelo's Moses</i>		
			<i>Guided tour</i>		
	Colosseum		<i>Guided tour</i>		
	Arch of Titus		<i>Caesar of the Day: #7-Titus</i>		
			1st Century Culture: #11-Roman Values		
	Roman Forum		<i>Guided tour</i>		
	Mamertine Prison		Paul's Timeline--Travel after Rome		Rog Schmidgall
			Destinations and Deaths of the Apostles		Rog Schmidgall
	Abbey of the 3 Fountains (Paul's Martyrdom)		249c/250a With and Without Christ 3 (Romans)		
			250b With and Without Christ 4 (Romans)		
			250c With and Without Christ 5 (Romans)		
Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls			<i>Guided tour</i>		
			<i>Celebration Dinner</i>		
15-Monday Depart	Travel Home				