

What's the Story?

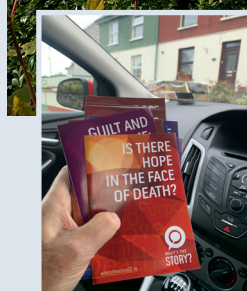
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FIND ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE

1. GOD: Is there anybody there?
2. GUILT & Shame: Will I ever be good enough?
3. IDENTITY: Does my LIFE really have PURPOSE?
4. Is there HOPE in the face of DEATH?
5. CHRISTIANITY: Part of the problem or the solution?
6. Can we make SENSE of our SUFFERING?

You are invited to a series of 6 important talks and testimonies on these questions starting at 8pm Thursday 6th Oct. 2022. Every week at Bishop Birch Community Centre Bishop Birch Place, Kilkenny
Info: Tom Dowling 086 4063149 (All free events)

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Finding Answers | Connecting People



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During late 2022, an initiative was launched that allowed evangelical churches in Ireland to sign up to be part of a nationwide outreach. Called What's the Story?, the initiative sought to answer from the Bible some of the big questions that people have about life and God. The team involved produced testimony videos, apologetics material, tracts, banners etc. along with a website and an interactive online map highlighting participating churches for those who wished to connect. Kilkenny Presbyterian Church signed up to be involved.

One of the activities we undertook was to run a six-week series of meetings in a local community centre. Preparations were made, lots of houses visited, invitations given out, conversations had and promises of attendance received. I'd love to say that many people from outside the church turned up to hear the Word of God, but that was not the case. When the event launched, all those who attended were people we already knew, who had a connection to the church and who, of course, we were very glad to have.

We were much encouraged that one lady who had recently begun attending church came to most of the meetings, and when they were over, she continued to attend church and a follow-up Bible study in the same community centre. A couple of weeks later, she professed faith in Jesus, and has begun to have a desire to see family members and others come to Christ. Please pray that she will flourish in her faith.

The What's the Story? team also produced a series of six tracts, which sought to answer various questions such as "Is there anyone out there?" and "Is there hope in the face of death?" During door-to-door visitation, many people were open to choosing a

particular leaflet from the set and engage in gospel conversations. Some wanted to take the whole set of six – they were that well received.

As a welcome gift, and to make people aware of what's

going on at the church, we delivered specially printed What's the Story? copies of John's gospel, along with information about the church in a couple of new housing estates in the city. In July, the plan is to use the material as part of a children's club, which we will run in a community centre we haven't used before.

Many thanks for partnering in this work. In all of this we are confident that God's Word will not return void.

Your prayers are very much appreciated.

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Please pray:

- For continuing gospel conversations with various people.
- For those who received tracts, booklets and gospels.
- For the lady who professed faith.
- For the July children's club plans: children to come along; enough leaders to be available; and most importantly, children to come to faith in Jesus.