



Network of Biblical Storytellers 2010 Festival Gathering  
**GUIDELINES FOR THE EPIC TELLING**

The Epic Telling for 2010 is portions of the Gospel of John. The theme of this year's Festival Gathering is "I Will Open My Mouth in Story -- Jesus the Jewish Storyteller". We encourage participants to learn their stories from the New Revised Standard Version for the sake of consistency, and we further ask you remember that the Epic Telling is a community effort. The rule of thumb is the biblical storyteller's version of The Golden Rule: *Tell to others as you would have them tell to you*. Please note that the midrash on this rule of thumb is meant to be, as the title suggests, guidelines, not laws from Mount Sinai! Generally speaking, following these guidelines should help you tell as you would be told to.

- 1) Please be mindful of the time and tell your story at a sensible pace.
- 2) Please be mindful that the Epic Telling is a communal event. Do what you can to make your telling fit the whole—especially the stories that precede and follow yours.
- 3) Please remove your name tag before telling and do not wear jewelry or loose accessories that will interfere with the microphone.
- 4) Please plan to be "on deck" **at least two stories before yours** to be miked for your telling.
- 5) Please remember that you will need to "hand off" your microphone to the assistant when you are finished telling.
- 6) Please stay as close to the text as possible.
- 7) Trust the Spirit of God to make your telling a delightful offering and moment of worship.

Thank you for taking part in this year's Epic Telling of the Gospel of John

(Epic Guidelines courtesy of Dennis Dewey, 2002)