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Interaction Paper #1 on Wright and Lunde: Knowing the story you're in and what it demands.

1: One sentence thesis statement - Old Testament passages, produce New Testament themes.

2: One paragraph summary - The goal of Lunde and Wright in this chapter is to frame a Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission. For this reason, the authors pose a few grand questions: "What are we here for? What is the mission of God's people as they live in God's world and participate in God's mission?" As a result, the overarching theme is "PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE STORY THEY ARE PART OF." The theme goes on to split into three subcategories. First, "WORLD MISSION AND THE BIBLE STORY." Second, "TAKING THE STORY AS A WHOLE." Finally, "THE MISSION OF GOD." The writer then dives into specifics, such as Knowing the Story, Messiah, and Mission, all wrapped around Old Testament passages, which produce New Testament themes (sometimes referred to as the Biblical Story Line).

3: Personal interaction on specific themes integrating with other resources and references - As for personal interaction, I am a huge fan of varied perspectives. I sincerely enjoyed the authors' punchline, when they write, "You could say about the church's worldwide mission that Jesus commanded it because the Scriptures demanded it. Jesus knew the story too. You could say, in another sense, that's because he wrote it." An epic mic drop! Truly, that is one perspective that I never thought of or

previously encountered. As for a reference during this chapter, there were many great ones. However, I would say the single word I interacted with most was “Praxis.” In a Christian context, I have seen it referred to as a great “thing¹.” I even found a church that’s named after it². It’s super interesting to read into the author's passive tone, regarding praxis. Additionally, if I had to choose a one-liner to take into practice, it would be, “Calling people to conversion was to confront them with serious and costly demands.”

4: Questions for further engaging these themes - What if someone does not know the story or care to know it, such as the people-group(s) on Sentinel Island, which by law are to remain undisturbed? I even recall a “missionary” attempting to break that law in an attempt to “evangelize.” What followed, sadly, was his death³. Do we simply file that under the Romans 2:14 & 15, “Society they live in” folder? Or (presume praying and fasting are already a part) do you have an applicable suggestion?

1 https://www.nafra-sfo.org/Formation%20materials/2.4-Movements_of_Shared_Christian_Praxis.pdf

2 <https://praxischurch.ca/>

3 <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/03/john-chau-christian-missionary-death-sentinelese>