

Life Groups How to Share Your Story

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.
1 Thessalonians 2:8

Stories are so powerful. The Bible itself is a collection of stories about people following God. We resonate with the struggles, the shortcomings, the joys, and the victories; we need to hear those stories.

“Human beings are innately social creatures, and stories are the single most powerful glue that binds us together. One definition of a community is people who share common stories. People know who they are and who they belong to by the stories that they tell together.” (Daniel Taylor)

A. Story Sharing Models: Begin by asking yourself these questions:

- What was your life like before you knew Jesus?
- How did you learn about Jesus and surrender your life to him?
- What happened after you trusted Jesus?

1. Your Faith Timeline:

- a. Think of your faith as a timeline.
- b. What were the important events?
- c. Who were the important people?
- d. Describe the phases of your growth in your spiritual life.
- e. Discuss the “turning points” in your life and how God was involved.
- f. Plot your timeline on a separate sheet of paper.

2. Your Three-Sentence Faith Story:

- a. Write your story in three sentences.
- b. Imagine if you were to write a three-sentence faith story about Mary:
Mary was a Jewish teenager. The angel asked if she would be the mother of God’s son. Mary said,
“Okay, I’ll do it.”
- c. Add your faith story to your timeline.

3. Your Five-Minute Faith Story:

- a. Limit your story to less than 500 written words.
- b. Make it tight.
- c. Keep it short and simple.
- d. Write it out and practice it.
- e. Be prepared for clarification questions from the group members.