

# Your Story

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- We know who to reach but what do we actually say to them?
- God's Word tells us what to say. Can you read the scripture for us?

## Why

Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. - Luke 8:39

- Based on this passage, what do we say?
- *We tell people our story. How much Jesus has done for us.*

## How

How to make your own 30-60 second testimony (your story)

1. Transition to Your Story
2. Far from Jesus
3. Jesus
4. Following Jesus
5. Transition to God's Story

1. Transition to Your Story

- Have a consistent phrase to start with

Ex. "Thanks for sharing your story, I can relate. There was a time in my life when..."

2. Far from Jesus

- Choose two words that describe how you've felt when far from Jesus

Ex. "Empty and worthless."

3. Jesus

- Describe why you turned to Jesus

- Ex. Head: "There was undeniable historical evidence, scientific proof, and philosophical arguments for Jesus. I knew Jesus rose from the dead."

- Ex. Heart: "The emptiness I felt was never filled by what our culture offered. But in Jesus I found the answer for my heart's deepest longings. I knew Jesus rose from the dead."
- Ex. Hands: "The people of God loved and served me and others in such a powerful way. I knew this sacrificial love in action could only be explained by the resurrection of Jesus."

#### 4. Following Jesus

- Choose two words that describe how you feel now having been transformed by King Jesus

Ex. "Purpose and worth"

#### 5. Transition to God's Story

- Don't ask to share God's story. Immediately share.

Ex. "So that's my story. And what's cool to me is how we both have unique stories but they're both connected to a bigger story."

#### Example of a Testimony

"Thanks for sharing your story, I can relate. There was a time in my life when I was far from Jesus. I had everything going for me (success, popularity, girls) but still felt completely empty. And no matter how hard I tried to achieve success I still felt like I was never enough. I didn't know what my problem was, but I knew life shouldn't be this way.

Then I really experienced Jesus in a powerful way. I realized that I was broken ( I was a prideful, self righteous, hypocritical person). I wanted to change and I realized I needed more than some rules to change me. I needed a Savior. I felt the weight of my sin and in Jesus I found an answer. I knew that Jesus rose from the dead and could change my heart and life.

Since following Jesus, Jesus has transformed me and my life. I'm now living with deep purpose by helping others know His love. And I have peace because I know I'm more than enough to Him. So that's my story. And what's cool to me is how we both have unique stories and yet they're connect to an even bigger story. "

### **Practice**

- Pair up and practice training each other
- One of you trains while the other listens and gives feedback
- Start with question 3 of Discipleship 101 and finish by telling your partner to train

### **Make Disciple Makers**

- After they finish training, ask your disciples the questions below
- "What was challenging about training your partner?"
- "What could you do to be a more effective trainer for your disciples?"
- Have you invited anyone to start training with you?
- How is your training going?
- "What challenges do you foresee when you start to train your own Huddle in the what (Your Story) of Discipleship 101?"
- Lay hands and pray to live sent