

Share Your Story

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“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”
Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

A Disciple is someone following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Evangelism is when we share the good news of Jesus.

Stephen provided us with 3 important factors in sharing our story:

- 1) It is important to have a relationship already established with the person with whom we want to share our story.
- 2) Acknowledge your story - your experience with how Jesus has made a difference in your life. Look for commonality with the person with whom you are sharing.
- 3) Trust that God is going to be with you--that God will provide opportunities where you can share your faith in a way that will impact someone else's life with Jesus.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. If you've had the opportunity to hear someone's story, how did this make you feel and how did it impact your life?
2. The scripture above gives us God's promise that he will always be with us. What does this promise mean to you?

3. The scripture also tells us to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” We are to *share* the difference Jesus has made in our life - this is “our story”. How has Jesus changed your life, and, have you ever written this down or told someone the difference he has made in your life? Why or Why not?

4. In the video, Stephen mentioned that we have both a personal faith (how we individually accept Jesus) and a public faith (sharing how Jesus has made a difference in our lives). Which one are you most comfortable with? What steps can you take to increase your comfort in the other area? How can you trust that God will be with you in the discomfort?

5. What is your Next Step to sharing your story: Writing out your story? Sharing it with someone you know?

6. Stephen says that the last thing we say to someone is typically the most important. He also states that “you will never go wrong if you love everyone you come into contact with, realizing that God created them as well.” What does this mean to you?

7. Whether you’ve told your story many times, or never, Stephen challenged us to pray that God will give you the opportunities to share your story with others. What is your next step in accepting this challenge?