

TALK IT OVER

Share Your Story

Live Sent - Week 5
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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

John 9:1–12, John 9:24–25, Psalm 103:1–5, Deuteronomy 11:5-7, Psalm 34:8

Questions

1. Think about a time when someone shared a personal story that stuck with you or changed the way you saw something. What made the story meaningful, and how did it strengthen your relationship?

2. Read John 9:1–12. Talk about something that happened in your life that you didn't fully understand at the time, but looking back, you can now see how God was at work. What did you learn about God through that experience, and how comfortable are you sharing that story with other people?

3. John 9:11 says, "*Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.*" Discuss the statement "There is more power in a personal story than a perfect argument." Why do you think personal stories are so powerful? How can you authentically share your story of what Jesus has done for you?

4. Psalm 103:1–5 (ESV) says, "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who*

satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." What does the psalmist tell us not to forget? Why do you think it's important to reflect on the specific ways God has shown up in our lives? Share a time when Jesus forgave, healed, restored, provided, satisfied, strengthened you, or redeemed something painful.

5. In Deuteronomy 11:5, 7 and John 9:11, the hero is God. When it comes to sharing your own testimony, how can you intentionally point people toward what Jesus has done rather than putting emphasis on your own strength, effort, or accomplishment?

6. Psalms 34:8 (NIV) says, *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* We all have a personal faith story - a collection of experiences, people, moments, struggles, and lessons that have shaped our relationship with Jesus. Sometimes sharing our story can be overwhelming. What is one "bite-size" story that takes only a few minutes to tell but reveals how Jesus has made a difference in your life?

7. God is writing his story through your life. Identify one story of what Jesus has done for you. What steps will you take this week to put it into words, and with whom will you share it?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** ***What point in this message was most impactful for you?***
2. **What do you think?** ***How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?***
3. **What will you do***? **How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?***