



TIPS FOR SHARING YOUR STORY

Framework for Your Story:

1. *Character*

Share what your life was like before Christ. Or, share a particular circumstance that you found yourself in.

2. *Problem*

How did you realize that you needed Christ in your life, or in this situation?

3. *Hero*

Share how you committed your whole life to Christ, or how you gave Him the control in a situation.

4. *Solution*

What difference has a relationship with Jesus made in your life? In this circumstance?

Ask God for help.

Remember that God is using your words, and your story. Ask Him for help to recognize the right times to share your story, and for Him to use your words.

Keep it simple.

Avoid religious terms, clichés, or phrases that might be confusing. Good stories don't have to be long, so practice telling your story in 3 minutes or less.

Be creative.

As you work on your story, think about how you can share it. How do you most naturally relate to others? What's your personality like? God has given you a unique set of gifts—use them!

Practice.

The more you work on your story, the more natural it becomes to tell to others. Practice telling your story any way you can: video yourself and review it to get another perspective, share it with your Life Group, or share it with a trusted friend to get feedback. This step may seem awkward at times, but it's worth it!



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Be honest.

Your life isn't perfect; so don't feel you have to pretend it is. Be yourself, and don't try to sound "spiritual" to impress someone—just be natural. But, be careful to not exaggerate or brag about your past. Where you were before you met Jesus is important, but it's not the whole story!

Be kind.

Don't make negative remarks about other people, or other religions. Be sensitive to someone's background and where they may currently be in their story.

Be prepared.

Memorize key verses from the Bible, or know where to find them, so that you feel confident. Bookmark them in your phone, or write them down in a place that's easy for you to find.