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GROUPS

TALK IT OVER

THE WAY | SESSION 8: SHARING YOUR STORY

For the eight weeks of The Way group study, the weekly Talk It Over Guide will reflect the content from the group study.

CHECKING IN

- Who was influential in helping you come to faith or grow in your relationship with Jesus?
- Have you ever shared your faith or personal story with someone? What was that experience like?

MEMORY VERSE

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

MATTHEW 4:19 NIV

One of the greatest privileges God gives His followers is the opportunity to help others find Him. When Jesus called His first disciples, He did not simply invite them to believe. He invited them to participate in His **mission**. Following Jesus and helping others find Jesus were never meant to be **separated**.

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

1 Peter 3:15; John 9:25 · Always be prepared to give an **answer** for the hope you have. Share your story with gentleness and **respect**. You do not need to know everything. You simply need to share what Jesus has **done** in your life.

WHY SHARING CHRIST MATTERS

1. PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD

Luke 19:10 · Jesus came to seek and save the **lost**. God's heart is always focused on **people**. People are never interruptions to God's mission. People are the mission.

2. ETERNITY IS AT STAKE

Ecclesiastes 3:11 · God has planted **eternity** in every human heart. Every person will spend eternity **somewhere**. The gospel addresses the deepest need of every person.

3. YOUR STORY CREATES BRIDGES

John 13:20 · Personal stories build **trust**. People may argue with opinions. They cannot argue with a changed **life**. God often uses your story as a bridge to His story.

PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

1. PRAY FOR PEOPLE

John 6:44 · Before speaking to people about God, speak to God about **people**. Pray for open doors, soft hearts, courage, and opportunities. Prayer prepares both the messenger and the **listener**.

2. BUILD GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS

1 Corinthians 9:22 · People are more likely to listen when they know they are genuinely **loved**. Influence grows through authentic **relationships**.

3. SHARE YOUR STORY NATURALLY

Mark 5:19 · Tell others what the Lord has **done** for you. You do not need a perfect presentation. You simply need a willing **heart**.

BOTTOM LINE

IF WE ARE GENUINELY FOLLOWING JESUS, WE WILL NATURALLY CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE HE CARES ABOUT.

God has uniquely positioned you to reach people others may never reach. Your story may be the very thing God uses to change someone's eternity.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Who played a significant role in helping you come to faith or grow spiritually?
2. Why do you think Jesus connected following Him with “fishing for people”?
3. What fears or obstacles make it difficult to share your faith?
4. How has God worked in your life in a way that you could share with someone else?
5. Why is prayer such an important part of helping others come to faith?
6. How can building authentic relationships create opportunities for spiritual conversations?
7. Who is one person God may be placing on your heart to pray for and intentionally invest in?

PRAYER DIRECTION

Spend time praying in groups of two or three.
Pray specifically:

- Thank God for the people who helped you find Jesus.
- Ask God to give you His heart for people who are far from Him.
- Pray for courage to share your faith naturally.
- Ask God to open doors for spiritual conversations.
- Pray by name for people who need to experience God’s grace.

For those uncomfortable praying aloud, simply share one person you would like prayer for and allow someone else to pray.

DIVING DEEPER

As you read this week’s daily devotions …

- Notice God’s heart for lost people.
- Reflect on your own story of God’s faithfulness.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith.
- Continue memorizing Matthew 4:19 throughout the week.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Create a list of three people who are far from God. Pray for them every day this week. Look for one opportunity to encourage, serve, or have a meaningful conversation with one of them. Ask God to use your life to help point them toward Jesus.

Daily devotions for this week: newpointe.org/daily