

Drawing out Sacred Story

God's story is always unfolding—unfolding in the lives of people.
We can help people discover and share their sacred story by helping them tell it.

Remember, “sacred” does not always mean religious. God's activity in a person's life is often imbedded in the everyday stuff of their experience. As you listen to a person's story, listen carefully for moments rich in meaning or that point towards a reflection of God's purposes. Receive every person's story with hospitality and care.

The following questions can help a person share their story.

- Where did you grow up as a child? How has growing up there shaped your life?
- Our journey through life is often accompanied by others. Who have been *some* of the key companions on your journey? How has your relationship with them shaped you?
- Life ebbs and flows. We sometimes sense we have a purpose or calling. Sometimes not. Where are you right now?
- Looking at the past 2 years, what events in your life have affected your story the most?
- When do you feel “in awe”?
- If you could do anything to help this community, what would it be?
- Think back when you were younger. What were your dreams for your life? What are your dreams for your life now?
- As you think about your life, what has your relationship with God been like?

The above questions use language that can be used with both your church friends and your neighbors in the community, at work, etc.