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MESSAGE: SHARING MY STORY // 9.1.19

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GETTING STARTED

- 1. In the past week, have you had an opportunity to share any part of your story? How did it go? Were you able to bring God up?
- 2. Many of us know that we're called to share the Gospel with others. Do you find it easy or hard to do? What things might get in the way?
- 3. Is there anything in this week's message that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. Were you surprised by the research findings that almost half of practicing Christian millennials say evangelism is wrong? What do you think might be causing this?
- 2. Read Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-49, Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:20 & Romans 1:16. Why do you think God chooses to use us to share His story with others?
- 3. How much can prayer impact our sharing of the Gospel and the receptivity of it? Has this been part of your sharing strategy? Why or why not?
- 4. Why does it matter if we really even care about those we are sharing God's story with? What are some ways to really care for someone?
- 5. Have you ever used gospel tracts, the bridge illustration or Romans road before to share the Gospel? What's your experience with these?
- 6. What are your thoughts with using the GOSPEL (life in 6 words) tool to share God's story? Do you think you will try and use it?

TAKE AWAY

- 1. What friends/relatives/students/co-workers could you share God's story with? Begin praying for them and for you to be able to share.
- 2. What can you use from this week's message to help you do that?
- 3. How can people be praying for you this week?

RightNow Media Resources (see bulletin for sign up instructions)

• Bold (4 session series) - Joby Martin

Video messages available online at gatewaymerced.org/messages

Sharing My Story - Part 3 1 Peter 3:15

Scriptures for sharing the Gospel: Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-49, Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Romans 1:16

How do I share God's story (the Gospel)?

1.

Matthew 21:22, John 14:13-14, James 5:16

-		living/testimony (1 Peter 3:15-16)
-	People/	(God will be working ahead of you
-		to share
-	God will	through you (Exodus 4:12)

2.

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Matthew 5:16, Titus 3:14, Galatians 6:9-10

"People in need are not projects we help. They are people we love."
- Craig Groeschel

3.

1 Peter 3:15

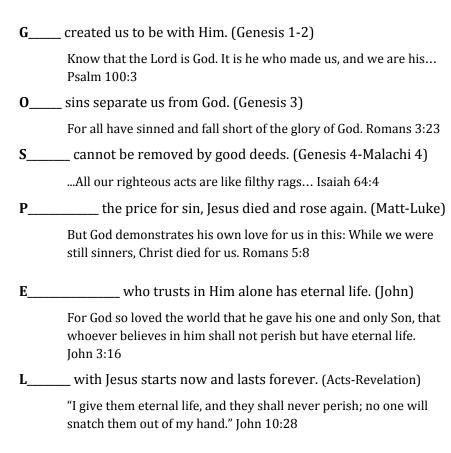
- Your story
- God's story (the Gospel)

Variety of ways to share the Gospel (the good news about Jesus):

Gospel Tracts

- The Bridge Illustration (for more info:
 - $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-rVBrXcKVI)}$
- Romans Road (for more info: https://www.gotquestions.org/Romans-road-salvation.html)
- The GOSPEL (life in 6 words)

The GOSPEL:



2 Questions to follow up: 1) Does that make sense? 2) Is there anything holding you back right now from putting your faith in Jesus?

Thought for the Week:

How will God use your story and His story to impact those around you?

Key: Pray, Right, Opportunities, Courage, speak, Care, Share, God, Our, Sins, Paying, Everyone, Life

Additional Notes: