

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

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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:
<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)

Additional Notes:

The GOSPEL:

G____ created us to be with Him. (Genesis 1-2)

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his...
Psalm 100:3

O____ sins separate us from God. (Genesis 3)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

S_____ cannot be removed by good deeds. (Genesis 4-Malachi 4)

...All our righteous acts are like filthy rags... Isaiah 64:4

P_____ the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. (Matt-Luke)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

E_____ who trusts in Him alone has eternal life. (John)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

L_____ with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (Acts-Revelation)

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:28

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