



# THE STORY

## Community Group Discussion Guide

February 2, 2014

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Week 1 - Why Tell Your Story?

Selected Scripture

### Introduction

The Bible at its core is a story about God's love for people. The transforming power of God's love in the lives of people who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. This three week series focuses on our Lord's calling for each one of us to tell others of this love. Each one of us have our own story to tell. These sermons are intended to motivate and equip us in telling our story.

### Questions for Study

1. When did you last share your faith in Jesus Christ with another person—where you presented the gospel and asked them if they would like to receive God's gift of forgiveness and eternal life?
2. Looking back on that conversation, what did you find challenging and what did you learn through it? What would you do the same and what would you do differently, and why?
3. In Sunday's sermon Steve emphasized one thing in answer to why we should tell our story. What was it?
4. In Sunday's sermon what did we learn about why Jesus came to earth? What was he intentional in doing to make this happen?

Read Colossians 4:2-6 before answering the following questions.

5. What two things did Paul ask the Colossian believers to pray for him? Why are these the two best things to pray when it comes to sharing our faith?
6. Who are you asking God to give you an open door to share your faith in Christ? What are you doing to build friendship with this person? Why is this important to them opening the door for conversation about Christ.
7. In verse 5 Paul emphasizes the importance of our actions. Why is this absolutely essential to building trust to hear what we have to say? What have you been doing to intentionally build this trust?
8. In verse 6 Paul points to the importance of how we say what we say. What does it mean to speak to others in a way that's "full of grace" and "seasoned with salt?"
9. If you haven't done this, take the time to write out your own personal story describing how you came to faith in Christ. Do it with these three points:
  1. What your life was like before you met Jesus.
  2. How you met Christ and trusted in him as your Savior.
  3. The difference He's made in your life.