

Write Your Story

The Bible tells those who follow Jesus to be ready to give a response for the hope we have within us. This hope comes from believing and trusting in 3 key truths.

- 1) God created us for a perfect relationship with him, yet we all choose to turn away from his plan, leading to the broken world we live in and guilt before God for what we've chosen.
- 2) But because of love for us, God came as Jesus, living a sinless life so he could die on the cross and take on himself the punishment we deserve because of our sinful choices.
- 3) We need God's forgiveness because we've gone our own way. By turning our life back to God, asking for what Jesus did to be applied to our life, we can have confidence that we're forgiven, that God restores our relationship and that we will spend forever with him.

How would you tell the story of what Jesus has done for you? Stories have a beginning, middle and an end. Use these questions to help you write your own story of how you began to trust in Jesus.

Beginning: What was life like before you understood what it means to become a Jesus-follower through trusting in the truths above? Who was in charge of your decisions? What was the result of living that way?

Middle: How did you start to understand that you needed to turn back to God and trust that Jesus' death and resurrection could count for your life? Who helped you to realize who Jesus is and what he has done for you?

End: How is the way you think or make choices different now after deciding to trust Jesus and follow him? What hope do you have for the future because of Jesus?

Helpful Tips:

- **Be yourself** - use regular words that sound like you and be honest in describing your story
- **Be brief** - focus on the most important things so your story takes 2 minutes or less to share
- **Be bold** - now that you prepared, ask God to give you opportunities to tell others about him