

# HOW TO SHARE MY STORY

## **Step 1: Focus**

### **What is the overarching matter?**

Choose a turning point or defining moment in your life; a problem or struggle; a change of mind or heart; or a significant relationship. A single storyline or idea makes telling your story more manageable.

## **Step 2: Describe**

### **What's the essential setup or context for your story?**

Paint a picture of your circumstances and describe what motivated your life before the change took place. You will help people understand and relate.

### **Step 3: Explain**

#### **What happened and why?**

Bring people along on your journey. Share how and why your choices, attitudes, and circumstances changed. Since your story is ultimately about God, make it clear how Jesus becomes the change-maker — turning a mess into a message, a test into a testimony, a trial into a triumph, a victim into a victor.

What helped you understand that you were separated from God due to sin, and you could only have a right relationship with Him by turning from living your own way and trusting that Jesus paid the penalty your sins deserve?

### **Step 4: Reveal**

#### **What did God show you about yourself or Himself, and how are you living differently today because of that?**

Every good story makes sense of the world. This is your opportunity to offer a personal takeaway.

## **Pro Tips**

- A prepared testimony can be shared in 2-5 minutes.
- Be conversational. Focus on expressing your thoughts and feelings, not on the words.
- Be specific. Use concrete situations, details, and emotions. Help people visualize.
- Be honest. Embrace the messiness. Don't exaggerate or sugarcoat.
- Be real. You are a work in progress. So is what God is doing. Don't feel the need to tie things up in a bow.
- Be simple: Don't clutter your story with details, tangents, backstories or people that aren't really connected to your focus.

## **Before You Start To Serve Other**

1. Pray...God give me an opportunity to share about you and how you have changed my life. Help me to share the gospel
2. Help me to be relational with those I serve
3. Give me boldness
4. Look for opportunities to share Jesus