

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

Acts 9:1-9, Revelation 12:10-11, 1 John 3:8

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This week, Pastor Miles shared that this new series is going to be the MOST important series he has ever preached. This new series is close to his heart because God has forgiven him for his sins and radically changed his life. By Pastor Miles being obedient as God has led and sharing his own testimony, God has used his story to bring thousands of people to understand who Jesus is.

For the next few weeks as we practice sharing our own testimonies to each other and to our loved ones, ask God which part of YOUR story you can share with the people He specifically puts on your heart and places in your path.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Quickly share 5 people in your life you would like to get saved.
2. Have you ever shared your testimony with those 5 people? If so how did it go? If not what has been holding you back?

→ AS A GROUP READ ACTS 9:1-9 OUT LOUD

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Acts 9:1-2 shares a small portion of where Saul's life and heart were before he knew Jesus. Saul was going against the Lord and doing everything he could to persecute people who were followers of 'the Way'. Take a few minutes to share a time in your own life where you were not following Jesus—how did you feel during this time?
2. Read Acts 9 verses 3 and 4. Talk about a time in your life where Jesus showed up in a noticeable way and you felt "knocked down". Describe in detail what that moment was like?
3. Read verse 6. What next steps do you feel Jesus wanted you to do once you knew for sure it was Jesus speaking to your heart? Did you immediately obey? Or did it take you a while to take the first steps? If so why? Describe in detail.



4. Why do you think Jesus does not lay out our entire life plan for us?
Spend a few minutes and talk about a time when you knew Jesus was speaking to your heart to go do something, and it took you a long time to respond because you thought a different negative outcome. However, when you finally got the courage to obey the outcome was totally different...
5. If you asked a person that knew you before you knew Christ, and knows you after you have been walking with Jesus, what are some of the things they would say you “used to be like” but have changed?
6. What areas in your life you still need to surrender that will make a better Christ like example to others?
7. What are some places and/or opportunities you can share your testimony with someone you never met? What would be your approach?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Break into groups of 3 or 4 people: (if your group is already big)

“Pont to Ponder”

- Our story reveals and reminds us and others of the power of Christ’s work in our life.
- Our story reveals the source of our hope for others and ourselves.
- Our story reminds Satan of our authority over him.

Read 1 John 3:8 and Revelation 12:11

1. Earlier you shared about the 5 people you want to get saved. Pick 2 people on your list and share how you would share with them how Jesus has changed your life.
2. Take a few minutes going around your LIFE Group praying for the person sitting next to you and the 5 people they listed they’d like to get saved.

TAKE IT HOME!

As you are seeking God this week pray about how and when you could share your testimony with those 5 people. Take some time to practice your testimony – on your drive to work, to other friends, journal out your story and ask God to share insight on what to say to people.

This week ask someone to hold you accountable to make that first initial step to share your testimony.



