

## Telling Your Story:

Your story isn't just one story, it's a series of smaller stories of God breaking into your life at various points. Take the time to think long and deep about how God has worked.

Here are some ideas to get you started.

1. When did you first start to trust Christ? Write your story.
  - What situation was the catalyst for that decision?
  - How did you feel before you made that decision?
  - How did you feel afterward?
  - How has life been different?
2. What are the ways God has continued to work in your life since you first trusted Jesus? Write as many stories as you can think of. Think about:
  - Crisis moments in your life; the loss of a friend or family member, a life-changing diagnosis, a struggling marriage or divorce, a major life change, or a time of personal failure.
  - How was God present in your life at the time?
  - How did the church come through for you?
3. In what ways has your faith grown over the years?
  - How is your character different today than when you were younger? What was the catalyst for that change?

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## Seeing (and Seizing) the Opportunity

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### Review:

- Each person you see is made in the image of God, given him or her unsurpassable, inherent worth and dignity.
- We often have a hard time seeing it because we are all covered with the mud of sin, hurt and circumstances.
- God's goal is to reveal the masterpiece under the mud and restore our relationships with God, ourselves, others, and the world to Shalom (peace).

Most Christians think evangelism is either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

We've been taught abstract and overly spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that don't seem to connect today.

People's pressing concerns today:

- Paying the bills
- Improving their marriage
- Being accepted
- Living a fulfilling life.

\_\_\_\_\_ cares about these, too.

This is our starting point.

**Scripture: John 4:1-29; 39-42**

**Five Steps to Sharing Jesus:**

1. Form relationships with people \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

Get out of the Christian \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Run toward \_\_\_\_\_ (rather than away from it).

Mud can be: Sin, Struggle, Hurt and Pain, Shame

The woman's mud:

- She was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- She was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- She was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Mud \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Listen to their \_\_\_\_\_.

Often the issue on the outside isn't the \_\_\_\_\_ issue.

The goal of evangelism isn't to get people to \_\_\_\_\_ better, but to \_\_\_\_\_ with what God intended them to be.

4. Tell \_\_\_\_\_ story.

- What were you like before you met Jesus?
- What has Jesus saved you from?
- What has Jesus done for you?
- How has Jesus restored your relationship with God, yourself, others, or the world?

5. Invite them into \_\_\_\_\_.