



# SHARING YOUR STORY

An essential practice of those that have found the love, hope, and forgiveness of Jesus is to tell others about the love, hope, and forgiveness of Jesus. One of the most effective ways to do this is to share the story of how you came to faith in Jesus.

In Acts 26, Paul stood before King Agrippa and spoke clearly about his life before Jesus, how he met Jesus, and what life was like after putting his faith in Jesus. Paul's testimony takes three or four minutes to read aloud in a conversational manner. When sharing your story, that is the same basic format we recommend.

The goal of this Before, How, & After format is to give you a tool that doesn't require memorization or a verbatim recital but helps put into words the moments surrounding your conversion. Sharing your story should be like a conversation and not like you're trying to convince someone of something.

See the reverse side for a simple step-by-step guide to help you share your story.

**"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." - 1 Peter 3:15**

# HOW TO SHARE YOUR STORY

## BEFORE

- What were one or two of your unsatisfied deep inner needs/wants before you came to know Jesus?
- What unsatisfactory solutions did you use to attempt to meet those needs/wants (positive or negative)?

## HOW

- What circumstances or events led to you considering Jesus as the solution to your deep inner needs/wants?
- What steps did you take to put your faith in and become a follower of Jesus (paraphrase Bible verse if applicable)?

## AFTER

- How has Jesus filled your deep inner needs/wants?
- What are some differences you have seen in your life since committing to follow Jesus?

## WHAT NOW?

1. **Write your story down** (having it written or typed out will help you know how long it will take to share it)
2. **Share your story with your local church** (visit our app or text “STORY” to 22722)
3. **Share your story with your Group or another believer** (get feedback on what you want to share)
4. **Share your story with someone close to you** (choose a family member or a close friend and tell them your story)
5. **Share your story with others around you** (choose a coworker, or neighbor and tell them about Jesus)

