

LESSON *THREE*

NEW PURPOSE

Do What He Did: Sharing Your Story

Why this matters: Sharing Jesus doesn't have to be complicated. Being a witness simply means telling others what we have seen, heard, and experienced about Jesus. Our role isn't to convert anyone—that's the work of the Holy Spirit. Our role is to share our story.

Start Here: How do you feel when you think about sharing your faith with someone else? What makes it feel natural—or intimidating?

The Big Idea: You don't need to have all the answers to be a witness—you simply share what Jesus has done in your life.

Read Together:

Acts 1:8

Acts 9

Luke 4:18-19

After reading, ask: What stands out to you? What does it mean to be a witness? What do you notice about the role of the Holy Spirit?

A Few Truths to Hold:

- Every follower of Jesus has a story worth sharing.
- Our role is to share the good news; the Holy Spirit changes hearts.
- The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses.

Talk About It: Think about your own story with Jesus. What was your collision—your encounter with Jesus? What was your conversion—your response to Him? What is your conviction—how has knowing Jesus changed the way you live and what you live for?

Living It Out:

The BLESS strategy gives us five simple ways to live as a witness:

- B — Begin with Prayer: Ask God who He is calling you to bless.
- L — Listen: Ask questions and genuinely listen to people's stories.
- E — Eat: Share a meal or create space for relationship.
- S — Serve: Look for practical ways to show the love of Jesus.
- S — Share: When the opportunity comes, share what Jesus has done in your life.

Practice This Week: Write your story using collision, conversion, & conviction.

Pray Together: Take a few moments to pray out loud, asking that God would give you courage to share your story.

Looking Ahead: Next time, we'll explore generous living and how stewardship of our resources can fuel God's mission and form us as disciples.