



Sermon Discussion Guide
You First: You Tell Them About Me
Sunday, May 2, 2021
Based on Pastor Jason's Message

Introduction

We're concluding a series called *You First: Becoming the Change You Want to See*. We all have a list of things in the world we want to see changed and how we want others to start acting. In this series we're trying to listen to the invitation from Jesus for us to lead the way. If we want to see a change in the world, it's time to hear Him say, "You first." In this last lesson, we learn that we should share our personal journey with others.

To watch this week's sermon before your group discussion, go to www.journeyoffaith.com/messages

Share Your Story

1. What's something you learned by actually doing it?
2. If you've shared your faith with someone else recently, what's one thing you did or remembered to help you not come off like a weirdo?

Hear God's Story

3. Read Mark 5:1-20 straight through. What's going on here, in your own words? (The key here is to describe what the text actually says, rather than trying to interpret it or read something into it yet. We always want to make sure we're understanding the content first before we move further.)
4. When thinking of what went down in verses 19-20:
 - a. Why did Jesus tell the man he couldn't come with Him?
 - b. What was the result of this man obediently going to tell others?
 - c. What's the hardest thing for you to do this in your own life?
5. Pastor Jason gave two reasons Jesus wants us to tell others about Him: A., We'll grow closer to God as we join in Jesus' mission; and B., Our in-process stories connect us with real people in powerful ways. What resonates with you the most about these points, and what questions do you still have?

Create a New Story

6. Find a partner to support you in sharing your journey with others. Do you have someone in mind already to include as your spiritual teammate?
7. Look for an opportunity this week to share your faith with someone who doesn't know Jesus. Who's coming to mind right now that you'd like to share with the group, then share next time you meet about how it went?

Further Studies: Applying Narrative Evangelism (Evangelism Through Sharing Story)

In this week's *Further Studies* section we're going to lean into the "doing" part of this message and get us a bit used to it.

Every one of us has a story of how God has worked in our lives. God got you through that class, forgave that terrible thing you did, helped you get sober, healed your disease, helped you find that roommate. And God says, "I want you to go share those real things with people in your life." That can seem scary to think about, but it doesn't have to be.

Here's a basic outline you can use as inspiration:

- What my life was like before Jesus --or-- What my life was like with that thing
- Here's how I met Jesus --or-- Here's how God helped with that thing
- Here's what's happening in me right now because of what God did

Discuss

1. Spend a few moments thinking of someone you know who doesn't know Jesus yet. Now, think of a story you could tell them from your own life that would connect with them on a basic human-to-human level. When you're ready, share that with the group. You can use the outline above to get you started. But remember, briefer and to the point is better. Let's practice!

For Parents: Repackaging for Youth

2. For those who have young children at home, what are some ways you could teach this lesson to them that takes into account their age and learning level?

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