

## **Key Components in Writing Your Own Testimony of God's Grace**

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So how do we share our story?

- 1) It begins with understanding the basics of storytelling. Every story has three parts: beginning, middle, and end. Another way to look at it is orientation (how you once saw the world what we call your worldview), disorientation (an experience that alters the way you see things lit. turns your worldview upside down), and transformation (a brand new outlook how you see the world now often called a Biblical worldview).
- 2) Helping people find and tell their story is a critical part of true discipleship.
  - a) <u>Beginning</u>: How did your story begin? Where were you born? Who were the greatest influences in your early life? What did you know about God, if anything? What did you believe about God, the Bible, church, prayer, sin, the world? (*This was your worldview.*)
  - b) Middle: How did you come to hear about Jesus Christ? What was your encounter with Him like? What was something new that God open your eyes in this experience? What changed in your life? (This is your worldview being turned upside down!)
  - c) End: How has your life been different since you accepted Jesus? What is your relationship like with Him today? What encounters have you had with His character that you never knew before? How is your life better off because of Jesus? (This is your new orientation your Biblical World view.)

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Sunday: April 2, 2023



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**Guest Speakers** 

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