



BETTER THAN BEFORE

The Power of Your Story

Jn 4:4-30; Jn 4:39-42 (NIV)

Many people are looking to change their lives. And after the past year, many of us would welcome change. We are ready for things to be different. We are ready for community. As we go forward, we should pause to ask ourselves, “what have we learned, and what do we want to carry forward?” If we are intentional about the questions we ask ourselves, we can emerge from this season Better Than Before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] What type of story do you like (book, TV, movie, song, etc.)? Why?
2. What are the characteristics of a “good” story to you? Which characteristics do you imagine would draw someone back to the same story over and over again?
3. Have you ever had a moment like the woman at the well who encountered Jesus? How do you imagine someone today would react to the same situation? Who would you tell first?
4. Do you know someone who can use a kind word, or a truthful story? What are some ways, direct or indirect, you might be able to minister, or help, that person tell their story?
5. Would you ever consider sharing your story? What might make you comfortable to do so? What format might you choose? Who would you want as an audience – large or small? Don’t let fear stop you from telling your story.

NEXT STEPS: When you think about telling your story, consider the following questions to help get started:

- (1) What was your life like before meeting Jesus?
- (2) How did you meet Jesus?
- (3) How has your life has changed since meeting Jesus?

MOVING FORWARD

Never underestimate the power of your story.

“Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

—John 4: 26 (NIV)