

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
June 25, 2017



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INTRO:

Have you noticed a theme for the past few weeks that God's trying to communicate to our church? With no direction or guidance, the last 3 weeks have all been messages on evangelism, sharing your story, etc... How's God working on your heart to share your Jesus story through this process? Any wins to share with the group?

DIVE IN:

Pastor Dan walked through what it looks like to "tell your Jesus story". What a simple, but awesome message that gave such a tangible example of how we share Jesus with people. Take the time to talk through the following questions to help your group better understand how to share your own Jesus stories.

1. Pastor Dan said, "No one is interested in getting preached to, but everyone is interested in your story." How do you respond when you feel "preached at"? Have you ever found yourself preaching at people? How did it work out?
2. One of my favorite lines from the message was this – "Everyone knows you are screwed up – they want to know if you know you're screwed up". Are you willing to own your junk in an honest way that admits you're a sinner too?
3. Pastor Dan broke down the idea of telling your Jesus story into four basic parts – Creation, Fall, Redemption, & Restoration. Have you ever looked at your testimony in this framework? How does it simplify the process?
4. What is the most challenging part of sharing your Jesus story for you personally?
5. If you've been a believer for a while, do you have a continued story of restoration or just a conversion story?
6. Do you have a "church" story or a "Jesus" story?
7. People can argue with your theology, biblical views, etc... but they can't argue with your experience with Jesus. How can you share your story with simplicity that explains your experience? When's the last time you've done this?

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8. How have you seen your own honesty to share your story open opportunities for people to share their own faith journey with you?
9. If you have time at the end of your group, take some time to share your stories with one another. Not only is it good for your group to get to know one another better, it's also great practice to actually say it out loud instead of just thinking about it. Put words to it. Share it. Let God get the glory, even in your group.

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?