

Introducing Jesus: Tell Stories About Jesus

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together! **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read: Acts 17:22-31; Acts 22:3-16; Acts 3:1-16

1. Talk about the effective use of storytelling in these passages to cultivate depth and gospel conversations.

<u>Reflection and Discussion:</u> What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 2. What "Christian jargon" or "insider words and phrases" might be confusing to those new to faith and Christianity? Give some examples of phrases or words that someone new to church and faith would not understand without a lot of explanation.
- 3. What fresh story of God in your life might be effective in helping others see and know Jesus?
- 4. What story from the Bible or a story from your life might be helpful in these contexts:

If your friends are	A story from the Bible or a story from your life	
Spiritually confused.		
Spiritually disconnected.		
Restless and exhausted.		
Fearful.		
Unfulfilled.		
Hurting from failed marriages.		
Afraid of death.		
Ashamed of how they let God down.		
Lacking purpose or direction.		
Feeling undervalued.		
Burdened by guilt.		
Burdened by shame.		
Feeling impure.		
Fearful of evil spirits.		

- 5. What does it mean to "make God the Hero" of the story when storytelling about faith? What is dangerous about putting "you" at the center of the story?
- 6. Who are you inviting to Easter?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **