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“THE POWER of STORIES”
What’s Your Story?
ACTS 26

- *“Tell Stories”*
- *The Power of a Story*
- *Fairy Tales, Parables, True Life*
- *Nathan to King David* 2 SAMUEL 12

To Share Your Story...

1. _____ **to SHARE** 1 PETER 3:15

Three Handles _____ - _____ - _____

- *Life before Christ* ACTS 26:9-11
- *Accepting Christ* ACTS 26:13-17
- *Life with Christ* ACTS 26:22, 23

Favorite Verse? _____

Follow-Up Question? _____ ACTS 26:27

To Share Your Story...

2. **EARN the** _____ **to SHARE** ACTS 24:27

Story Tips

- *Write it out*
- *Avoid religious clichés*
- *Be Brief and to the point*
- *Be organized in the sharing*
- *Focus on your friend sharing parts that relate to his or her concerns and interests.*

To Share Your Story...

3. _____ **GOD for the IMPACT** ACTS 26:28, 29

- *Our friends are* _____
- *Our friends can* _____ *to it.*
- *It’s hard to* _____ *with*

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
“THE POWER of STORIES”
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. What were some helpful insights or observations from this week’s message?
2. Before you accepted Jesus, do you remember anyone sharing their story with you and you found it helpful? How about after you accede Jesus...did someone’s story help you?
3. What’s the difference between sharing your story and preaching to someone?
4. Have you ever been able to share your story of faith with another person who was/is not a Christian? Do you remember the impact? Is it still simmering?
5. Using just one word or phrase per “handle” what are the three handles of your story (B.C., Conversion, A.D.?)

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the indicated passages....

- **Read Matthew 13:34, 35 – Why did Jesus always use parables to teach the crowds? How do parables and stories stick with people longer than teaching point by point?**
- **Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13. How did Nathan use a parable to help King David admit his sin?**
- **The word “*parable*” literally means “*to throw down beside.*” How does a parable, a true-to-life story help us understand truth in life? Do you have a favorite parable?**
- **Read Acts 26. What was Paul’s B.C. life, Conversion story, and A.D. life like?**
- **What was your life before believing in Jesus? (B.C.)**
- **What convinced you to believe in and follow Jesus? (Conversion, Accepting Jesus)**
- **What is your life like since following Jesus...what difference has faith in Jesus made in your life? (A.D.)**
- **What kind of question could you ask someone after sharing your story with them?**