

POINTING TO JESUS' STORY WITH YOUR STORY

What are 3 key points of intersection between your story and Jesus' story?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Write out your Jesus story in about 300 words. (300 words = 3 minutes)

MY JESUS STORY

YOUR STORY pointing to HIS STORY

What questions might arise during or after sharing your Jesus story?

How might you answer them?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the good news of Jesus.
- Pray that he would give you opportunities to share your JESUS STORY

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PART OF A BIGGER STORY

Most people enjoy hearing good stories. We love the action, the drama, the conflict, the quest, the resolution, the twists, the hero and the emotions of entering into a well-told story.

All people have their own story. Sometimes it lacks the drama of the latest fiction book that we have read, but nonetheless we are in the middle of our story that is being written around us.

Most people hope that their story will be exciting and fulfilling and dramatic. And ultimately we hope that our story is significant. We hope that our story is part of a bigger story!

The good news is that there is a bigger story! It's the greatest story ever told. It's not a work of fiction, but it's a true story. This story is GOD'S STORY. It is revealed in the Bible. Each of us is invited to enter into this story. Our little stories are invited to join into the amazing story of God and his Son, Jesus. JESUS IS THE HERO OF THE STORY.

What does our story have to do with God's Story?

THE TOMB IS NOT THE END OF JESUS' STORY

Read Luke 24:36-43

The disciples were shell shocked by the death of Jesus. All their hope was in him to be their Messiah & King, yet he died! He was buried in a tomb. But the tomb is not the end of Jesus' story. He brings peace, he stands before them in the flesh, he eats with them.

JESUS ALWAYS WAS THE HERO IN GOD'S STORY

Read Luke 24:44-46

The resurrection shouldn't have shocked the disciples. Jesus had already told them what was going to happen to him as fulfilment of the Old Testament (v44). And so he reminded them again of the significance of his death and resurrection (v46). Jesus had to die on the cross to deal with sin, and he had to rise again to show that he really was the Hero!

OUR PART IN JESUS' STORY

Read Luke 24:47-53

As the story of Jesus is preached to us we respond by repenting (turning from our sin) and God offers us forgiveness of our sin (v47). This means that the tomb will not be the end of our story! The disciples had empowered by the Holy Spirit (v49) became witnesses of the Story of Jesus (v48). When we trust in Jesus, His Story becomes Our Story. We are to continue to share Jesus' Story to people of all nations (v47) as continually worship and praise Jesus with great joy (v52-52).

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!!!

I've heard many people share their testimony. I'm often disappointed in that I learn more about them than Jesus! A testimony is about Jesus. The key to a good testimony?

- Showing how **HIS STORY** has impacted **YOUR STORY**
- Use your **JESUS STORY** to point to **JESUS!**

WHAT IS JESUS' STORY?

Without any reference to yourself – how would you summarise Jesus' story?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

According to these verses, what is Jesus' story?
(i.e. What is the good news of Jesus?)

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

Born? House? School? Family? Achievements? Failures? Highs? Lows? Turning points?

Draw a timeline to mark the events.

Draw it as a graph plotting the highs, lows and turning points.



How has your story been impacted by Jesus' story? Plot it on the graph above.

Are you a Christian? When did you become a Christian?

- One Point in time
- Over a period of time
- Have always believed that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour
(It might be worth learning your parents Jesus story as part of your story)

What amazes you about Jesus? What impact has he had on your life?

How could this help you to point people to the good news of Jesus?

What are favourite Bible verses that have helped you to understand Jesus' story or help you to grow as a Christian?