

Raiding Hell
Tell Your Story
1 Peter 3.15-16
Message Outline
March 10, 2013



Jude 23

God's Heart Growing Inside Us

A. God's Spirit Makes Telling Our Story A Lot Simpler Than We Make It!

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- Tell your story to those who ask
- Your story is your story
- Your story is words and music

B. Two Jesus-Approved Ways To Tell Our Story

1. Come and see John 4
2. I was blind but now I see John 9

C. God's Spirit Uses Our Stories To Nudge People Toward Him

1 Corinthians 3.6-9

Antagonistic Agnostic Indifferent Curious Open Follower

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1. God's Spirit makes sharing our story easier than we make it. Read 1 Corinthians 3.5-8 and talk about how God uses different followers of Jesus in different ways to nudge non-believers closer to Him.
2. Sunday we talked about how every follower of Jesus has a story--their story. As we want to be ready to tell our story when someone asks (look back at 1 Peter 3.15-16), it'll help to think through our story so we can communicate it clearly and naturally.

For most of us, our story falls into three parts. We've laid out these three parts below, with some questions to help you think through your story. Take some time and sketch out your story, and practice sharing it at your growth group!

As you think through your story, remember that some people have sudden, dramatic conversation experiences, while for others it happens over a period of time without a clear, exact moment or date. For those of you who first believed on Jesus as a child, you'll probably struggle answering the first two parts, so you'll want to focus more of your story on the third.

Plan on sharing your story in about 6 minutes.

My Story

Part 1: My Life Before I Became A Follower of Jesus

Try to recall what your life was like before you believed on Jesus? What attitudes did you display? What anxieties, struggles did you have? What were your behaviors and desires and feelings about life?

What brought you to the point of knowing you needed to turn to Jesus? Did He meet a need? Were you at the end of your rope and couldn't go on? Was there a Christian whose words and music influenced you?

Part 2: How I Came to Follow Jesus

Share how you became a Christian? Was it at a camp, or church service, or in your car or home? Was there someone with you? Or was it a long process of Jesus working in your heart? Who did God use to nudge you closer to Him?

Part 3: What Being A Follower of Jesus Means Now

What difference is Jesus having in your life now? What is one thing that has changed in your life because He lives in you? How has He changed your motivation, thoughts, attitudes, actions, fears and hopes?