



TALK IT OVER GUIDE- Share What You Have

Ice Breaker: What's a small but meaningful change you've noticed in your life over the past year?

Key Verses

- Acts 3:6
- Acts 3:16
- Acts 3:19
- Ephesians 4:11-12

Questions

- The sermon states that 'stories are more enticing than information.' Can you share an example of how someone's personal story impacted your faith journey more than just facts about Christianity?
- In what ways has your life been transformed since you began following Jesus? What's different now compared to before?

- Jason mentioned that many people hesitate to share their testimony because they think it's not dramatic enough. Have you ever felt this way? Why or why not?
- How would you explain to someone that the power of your testimony is not in your past but in Jesus' faithfulness?
- The sermon outlines three steps: show what change has occurred, share who made it possible, and spread what's available to everyone. Which of these steps do you find most challenging and why?
- How does baptism serve as a 'visible proof of an invisible reality'? If you've been baptized, what did that experience mean to you?
- Jason said, 'There's no such thing as a non-sent Christian.' What does it mean to see yourself as a 'sent person' in your daily life?
- How might our community be different if every believer actively shared their new life story with others?

Life Application

This week, take time to write down your own 'new life story' - how you encountered Jesus and what has changed as a result. Keep it simple and authentic. Then, pray for God to provide an opportunity to share some part of your story with at least one person. Remember, your story doesn't need to be dramatic to be powerful - it just needs to point to Jesus. As you go through your week, look for moments where you can naturally mention how your faith has impacted a decision, provided comfort, or changed your perspective on a situation.

Key Takeaways

- Every new life story begins with transformation - something changes that you can't deny when Jesus does something in your life that only He can do.
- Our testimonies should redirect attention from ourselves to Jesus - the power isn't in our past but in His name and faithfulness.
- Sharing our stories isn't just about information but invitation - showing others what's available to them through Christ.

- Repentance is more about invitation than condemnation - it's about lifting our eyes to Christ rather than hanging our head in shame.
- Every believer is a 'sent person' - you are the strategy, your relationships are your tools, and the gospel is the goal.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the transforming power of Your love and grace in our lives. We are grateful that our stories aren't defined by our past mistakes or even our accomplishments, but by Your faithfulness and redemption. Give us courage to share what You've done in our lives - not to bring attention to ourselves, but to point others to You. Help us to see ourselves as sent people, equipped with testimonies that can bring hope to those around us. May we be faithful to show the change You've made, share who made it possible, and spread the invitation to everyone we meet. Use our stories, ordinary as they may seem, to advance Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.