

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Sharing stories can be one of the greatest catalysts for spiritual growth. It's also a critical part of developing life-changing relationships in a small group.

As you listen to the stories, the paths that your group members have walked down will likely surprise you. Some will have stories similar to yours, and others will have stories that are completely different. Along the way, you'll likely discover that both the commonalities and differences in your group will help you connect with and appreciate each other.

A great way to share your story is to identify three people who have played significant roles in your life, three events that have affected you, and three places that are special to you. By talking about these nine things, you'll cover a lot of ground.

Three key people:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three key events:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three key places:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Keep in mind that no big presentation is required. You are simply expected to introduce yourself. Take as little or as much time as you need. Feel free to be creative with this process. Consider bringing in pictures or other items for illustration.

NOTE TO EXISTING SMALL GROUPS:

If you already know each other's life stories backwards and forwards, use the following questions to learn more about the other members of your group. Each person can answer as many questions as they want:

- *What is something you feel like you've heard from God recently?*
- *What is something significant that has happened this past month?*
- *How are your relationships right now?*
- *What has been going on with your prayer life?*
- *What is stressing you out right now?*

