



Paul's Story November 28, 2021

Reflect + Discuss

- What is a story that you like telling others? Do you change how you tell it based on your audience?
- Read Acts 9:1-22. What stands out to you from the text? What questions do you have?
- When bearing witness to Jesus, Paul gives us 5 lessons:
 - Lesson 1: Tell your story.
 - Lesson 2: Tell stories that connect with the people you're talking to.
 - Lesson 3: Tell stories about where you have seen Jesus working in your life.
 - Lesson 4: Tell your story using details that help confirm the truth of what you are saying.
 - Lesson 5: Tell your story using language and concepts that people can understand.

Have you ever considered how to tailor your story to fit your audience? Which of these 5 points come naturally for you and which require more planning and effort?

- If you are using this guide as a group, spend the rest of your time together sharing your stories with one another. This could be done all together, in pairs, etc. If time is limited, consider sharing one piece of your story by choosing one of the prompts below:
 - What was life like before you met Jesus?
 - Describe a significant moment in your life when you encountered God and the trajectory of your life was changed as a result.
 - Why did you decide to trust and follow Jesus?
 - Since deciding to follow Jesus, how have you seen God working in your life?

Be sure to check out the Story Collective (see Next Steps below) for ways to continue to share your stories as a group.

Dig Deeper

- Print out Acts chapters 9, 22, and 26 and lay them out next to each other. Look for differences in the text. What stands out to you? Based on his audience, why do you think Paul made the changes that he did?

Pray

- Set aside time this week to reflect on your story with God. Ask Him to bring to mind the ways He has been working in your life. As you remember these moments, thank God for His love and faithfulness in your story. Ask God to use your story for His purpose and to help you share your story with others.

Next Steps

- Download a copy of the Story Collective from the [Resources & Tools page](#) of the website. Set aside a few hours in the coming week (schedule this in your calendar if you need to - this can be done in one sitting or over multiple sessions) to work your way through the exercise. Use it as a tool to remember and figure out how to tell your story. If you are in a Life Group, consider dedicating one of your future meetings to sharing your stories with each other once everybody has had the chance to use the tool, or ask one person to share their story each week for the next few months.