

## Telling Your Faith Story

- Everyone's story is unique.
- Everyone's story is important.
- There is no condemnation for anyone.
- Anything you want to remain confidential will remain confidential.
- Aim for your story to last no longer than 20 minutes (but it's OK if you need longer).

### INSTRUCTIONS

Map out your life into decades. If you are under 30, you might need to use half-decades. So it'll look like this:

- 0-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-30 \_\_\_\_\_
- 31-40 \_\_\_\_\_
- 41-50 \_\_\_\_\_
- 51-60 \_\_\_\_\_
- 61 to a million years \_\_\_\_\_

Ask God to remind you of critical events, turning points, moments of truth, disasters, failures and victories. You're looking for life-shaping, important events that have happened during these time periods.

Here are some examples of events you could include:

- My dad left our family.
- My mom got remarried.
- I met my future wife.
- I got divorced.
- I surrendered my life to Jesus.
- I was baptized.

- I was diagnosed with a particular health problem.

Some events will be highs. Some will be lows. Chart out key events and how they correspond to different periods of your life.

**In addition**, write down where God was in each of these moments. Did you see his hand? Was he invisible? When you look back, can you see his hand now?

What did God teach you through mistakes and failures?

### THIS WILL HELP

- You don't need to write a full life history (please don't). Don't sweat the small stuff.
- Give insight into your heart rather than just sharing data.

### What about right now?

Now it's time to tie it all together. In light of all that's happened, *where are you right now with God?* Try to write it out in the form of just one paragraph.

### Where do you want to go?

- Write out a paragraph about your plans, goals and dreams.
- What do you want to see God accomplish in and through you?
- If you had unlimited resources and complete freedom to fail, what would you attempt for God?

**The group will pray for you now.**