FAITH STORY QUESTIONS WORKSHEET

Did you have a specific moment when you went from not knowing God to deciding to follow Christ? Relate your spiritual outlook before and after Christ. Examples: self-focused, sinful, and transformed through Christ.

What were your attitudes, actions, and greatest struggles?

What did you turn from to look for hope and peace of mind? What were the consequences of your choices? What did your life revolve around for significance? How did what you hoped would fulfill you let you down? Tell how you came to know Christ.

When did you first hear the gospel?

Who played a role in showing you God's truth? When did you surrender your life to Christ? Describe how you felt right after. Write what has changed in your life since having a relationship with Christ.

What is different about you?

What struggles do you no longer have? What areas is God still working on in you? How have you learned to depend on God? What does Grace mean to you?

If you grew up knowing Christ but then had a transformation from Christ to a developed and devoted disciple of Christ. Tell a little about life for someone who knows Jesus but isn't living for him. Describe your struggles and attitudes? Tell about how you came to the point of knowing you wanted to be a dedicated follower of Christ.

Who influenced you?

What events or life circumstances brought you to the point of realization? Describe the difference between a shallow relationship and a deep relationship with Christ. Write about what has changed in you.

Telling Your Story

Once you write up your story, you might want to work on memorizing a short version of it. If asked to share it with a group, a bullet point list is helpful in your delivery. Practice telling your story to a friend or your small group.

Additional Story Tips:

Be realistic in your approach. Please do not imply that Christ removes all of life's problems but that He is with you through them.

Keep it simple, brief, sharing from your heart, and clear about Jesus and what he has done in your life. Remember, **Jesus** is the main character of your story.

Use one or two Scripture verses, but only where they relate to your experience and fit in naturally with the one listening.

Don't harshly criticize others, denominations, organizations, or certain churches. Speak plainly and avoid religious clichés, be relevant. Be careful not to glamorize how "bad" you used to be.

Remember, your story isn't about you. It's about God working in you. End with a summary statement or a question.

What would you say if you only had a minute to tell someone about your journey? Write down the key theme you want to tell someone and make that into a sentence.

You might say, "...*but I don't have anything [exciting] to say.*" - Remember who your story's main character and star is, **Jesus**. Consider emphasizing aspects of God and His righteousness and work that caused you to put your faith in Him.

Please understand that you still have a rescue story! Often people feel this way of nothing to share because they have no drastic turning point in their life. And to those who responded young - in many ways - this is the best of all stories – where a soft heart responded to an amazing God and His incredible offer of Grace – thus rescuing you from damaging sinful choices & patterns.

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