



Letting Jesus Write Your Story

Week of May 20, 2018

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Hebrews 12:1-4

Wake up and look around – you're called to a grander story. Everything's broken – and everything can be redeemed! But it's not just life outside us that's broken – it's life within (John 3:19). Your story's going to be a battle to the death with sin, so get ready. But – love wins – if you let Him! Sin is death disguised as life. If we make peace with sin in our life, we're waging war on God in the world (cf. James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17). Stop writing your own story – let Jesus do it. Only Jesus writes the winning story! We need to believe our own story and see Jesus in it. So how do we live a successful story? Through a relentlessly radical, unflinchingly courageous, and invasively *personal* focus on Jesus Christ!

Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us! I pray that You would reveal to us where we are in our story. Let us see where we have mistakenly believed that we could be the author of our own redemptive arc and turn us to Jesus so that our story may be changed for Your glory. We commit ourselves to seeking holiness through faith in Jesus, doing the hard work of giving up our brokenness and being real about what your grace is doing in our lives. I pray that our story would be one with Jesus at the center. Amen.

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Getting Started

- What is your favorite biography that you have read or seen a movie about?
- Why do you think stories are such a good way to communicate ideas?

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1. Some people think if they grew up in church that they don't have a story worth sharing. Explain how someone raised in a Christ-centered home can still have a Jesus story.
2. Discuss the positive and negative things we do with the sin in our life.
3. Why we need to believe our own story?
4. Why is it important that we recognize the significance of Jesus in our story?
5. How can we keep the focus of our story on Jesus and not on our circumstances or ourselves?
6. Read Matthew 14:25-31. How are we like Peter, calling out, "Save me!" when Jesus already had? Share a story in your life that illustrates this point.
7. Consider and discuss: Where you are in your story?

Living Jesus

Stories are a powerful tool that we have for sharing the gospel, highlighting how Jesus is moving right here, right now, in a real way that cannot be denied. God is moving today just as he did two thousand years ago. We have to be willing to recognize it and talk about it!

What's Your Story?

Consider your story. How has Jesus changed it? How could he? Have you shared your Jesus story? If not, consider sharing it [here](#).

Share your personal story with us [here](#) or online. Go to MySevernRun.com and choose Share Your Story under Forms.

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