

## My Faith Story Work Sheet - Side A

This story/testimony writing exercise will help you to reflect on Jesus - who he is, and some of what he has done, your journey and story. Applying what we know about how narratives work will also help you to be ready to share your story. As you write your narrative, think about how to apply concepts such as coherence, values, consequence, and identification. Your story is important because:

1. God has always worked through Word and the stories.
2. Stories are powerful and personal. Friends and even strangers are often interested & can relate to a well done story.
3. People cannot argue with the fact that your life is more like Christ and has been changed (See side B if you became a Christian at an early age.)

An attention-getting opening sentence (think about how to create identification here):

Before I knew and loved Christ, I lived, thought... this way:

How Jesus encountered me, who shared or modeled Christ for me, how I received Christ...:

Were there things which finally motivated or convinced you to actually come to God for forgiveness and to accept Christ as Lord? (A story needs conflict)

After I received Christ, some of the changes God has been working in my life. Be honest about joys and blessings, ups and downs, doubts and challenges along the way,

Why I still love and follow Jesus:

Pertinent or favorite Bible verse which is important in my Faith in Jesus Christ:

Other reflections to share:

Listen well with love and attentiveness. Pray for the person or group you are sharing with (often silently but ask if they would like you to pray for them). As the Spirit leads, invite folks to consider, taste and see, join you for further conversation, a group, study, even worship.

## **My Faith Story Work Sheet - Side B**

(Side B for those who became Christians at an early age; use side A if you became a believer as an adolescent or young adult)

See opening notes on other side

An attention-getting opening sentence (think about how to create identification here):

My background and early Christian experience:

How Jesus encountered me, who shared or modeled Christ for me, how I received Christ...:

After I received Christ or some of the changes God has been working in my life. Be honest about joys and blessings, ups and downs, doubts and challenges along the way (this is a great place to consider values and identification).

Why I still love and follow Jesus:

Pertinent or favorite Bible verse that is important in my Faith in Jesus Christ:

Other reflections to share:

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