

Make It Shareable

Small Group Questions: The Power of Your Story

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Read

John 3:16; and 4:1–42

Reflect

Jesus decides to go through Samaria to reach Galilee, knowing he has a divine appointment. At Jacob's Well, he meets a woman shunned by others, drawing water in the heat of the day. When the woman realizes who Jesus is, she has a decision to make. How will meeting Jesus change her life? She decides not to hide anymore and to share her testimony about Jesus with the very people she has been avoiding. What might be holding you back from sharing your story?

Pastor Greg Surratt gives us three reasons to share our stories:

1. We all have a story.

- a. When and how did your relationship with God really form?
 - i. Was there a specific encounter that changed your story?
- b. Have you ever asked yourself, "How did I get here?" Track it back. What one action/choice pushed you over the edge toward an important change? What was the turning point?

2. God is not surprised by our stories.

- a. What was a choice you made that ended up being more significant than you realized at the time?
- b. When has something that interrupted your plans become really important?
- c. In what ways might you be hiding from God?

3. God wants to redeem our story.

- a. Most of us probably didn't choose our story, but how are you seeing God weave it into his much bigger story, revealing himself?
- b. Like the woman at the well, how are you finding new purpose?
- c. The first person Jesus tells that he is the Messiah is a Samaritan woman shunned by her own community. Why might this be surprising during the age when this was written?
- d. What is your next step in stewarding your story well?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?