



## **Workshop Title: One Story: Sharing Your Faith Relationally**

**Relational & Organic Evangelism in Daily Life**

**Total 45 minutes**

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*(Adding spiritual weight and clarity through key verses)*
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*(Share one moment God has worked in your story)*

### **1. What is One Story?**

Let me begin with a simple question: What is 'One Story'? 'One Story' is an invitation to share your faith not as a formal lecture or performance, but as the unique and personal story of your life with God. It's about recognizing your everyday experiences—both the highs and lows—as a living testament to what God has done and continues to do in you. You don't have to be a professional speaker or a theology expert. All that's needed is a willingness to be real, honest, and yourself, telling how grace has become personal in your life.

You might wonder if your story is dramatic or important enough to share. But the heart of "One Story" is that every story matters—not because it's flashy, but because it points to how the gospel is alive in you. This approach to sharing faith isn't about comparison or competition, but about the simple power of ordinary people's stories woven together by an extraordinary God.

At its core, "One Story" says, "Here's where I was, here's how I met Jesus, and here's how He's still changing me." You don't need a stage; your story can come to life in everyday moments—a conversation over coffee, a heartfelt talk with your child in the car, or an encouraging word during a walk with a friend. Just as Jesus met

people one-on-one—the Samaritan woman at the well, the blind man by the road, Zacchaeus up in a tree—He still works that way today.

Sharing your “One Story” gives others a glimpse into how Jesus has changed you, opening the door for them to see that He can work in their lives, too. It’s not about having all the answers; it’s about pointing to the ongoing work of God in your own journey, in hopes that someone hears, relates, and finds hope for their own.

## 2. Why Do Stories Matter in Outreach?

Most people come to faith in Jesus not through debates or theological lectures, but through relationships—and often through stories. Stories have a unique power to connect deeply because they put a personal face on abstract ideas, making faith relatable and accessible. Sharing your story invites others into your real-life experiences of struggle, doubt, and hope, revealing how God showed up in those moments. This kind of transparency builds trust and empathy, bypassing resistance to institutional preaching. Jesus himself used parables filled with everyday images because stories engage the heart in ways logic cannot. By sharing your imperfect, personal journey with honesty and humility, you are not preaching but inviting others to see that if God can work in your life, He can work in theirs.

Your story matters because it creates connection; it shows that faith is not about perfection but about personal transformation. This aligns with Revelation 12:11, which reminds that people overcome “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony,” emphasizing the power of both gospel truth and personal witness. Even ordinary moments become powerful messages of hope when they reveal how Jesus is active in your life. In a culture often wary of institutions or preaching, stories stick—they stir emotions, build trust, and remind others they are not alone. Therefore, your personal story is a vital part of how faith spreads and deepens in others.

## 3. Part 1 – Discovering Your Story

*(Before Christ – Meeting Christ – After Christ)*

You don’t need a dramatic testimony to have a meaningful story. Some of the most powerful stories are simple, honest, and grounded in everyday life—because the power doesn’t come from how exciting the story is, but from how clearly it points to Jesus. As Leslie Leyland Fields writes in *Your Story Matters*, “Our stories are sacred ground—places where others can encounter the transforming power of Jesus.”

Before you can share your story, you need to take time to really look back on it. Picture opening the scrapbook of your life and turning the pages slowly. Start by reflecting on your **Before Christ** season. What was your life like before you knew Jesus? What gave you joy, and what left you feeling empty or searching? Get curious about that chapter. Maybe it involved chasing success, feeling lost in relationships, or wrestling with fear, guilt, or loneliness. Ask yourself: What was missing in my life before Jesus? What was I chasing or struggling with?

Then, zoom in on the turning point—your **Meeting Christ** moment. Was it a conversation, a sermon, a crisis, or a quiet afternoon that opened your heart? How did it shift your thinking or stir something inside? Reflect on that encounter: How did I come to understand the gospel? What helped me see my need for a Savior?

Finally, take a fresh look at your **After Christ** life. What's different now in your perspective, values, or everyday rhythms? Has His peace replaced confusion? Has your purpose become clearer? This isn't about perfection—it's about showing the direction of transformation. Pay attention not just to big milestones, but also to the small, daily ways God continues to shape your heart and choices.

Sharing your story isn't about making yourself the hero—it's about showing how Jesus rescued, changed, and is still working in you. People may argue with beliefs, but they can't argue with your story. Whether it's bold or quiet, dramatic or gentle, your story is evidence of grace. Keep it brief, be real, focus on Jesus, and share in a way that invites others to consider: *"What He did for me, He can do for you."*

#### **Table Activity #1 (5-7 min)**

**Prompt:** Take a moment to reflect on your own story using the 3-part framework:  
**Before Christ – Meeting Christ – After Christ**

#### **Reflection:**

Your testimony is not about the drama of your past, but about the presence and power of Jesus in your life. Looking back, ask: *Who was I before Christ? What was I seeking that never satisfied?* Then remember the moment God's grace became real to you—the conversation, Scripture, or event that opened your eyes to the gospel. Finally, notice what's different now: *How is Jesus still shaping my thoughts, values, and daily choices?*

Your story is sacred ground because it reveals the living Christ at work. When shared honestly and simply, it points not to you, but to the Savior who redeems and restores.

### **4. Part 2 – Communicating the Gospel Clearly**

*(Lord – Sing – Savior – Faith)*

Now that you know your story, it's time to connect the dots—so people don't just hear *what happened to you*, but *understand the message behind it*. Your story matters. But your story alone isn't the Gospel. We've spent time discovering and preparing to share our personal stories—and that's powerful. Our story creates connection. But the Gospel? The Gospel creates transformation. At some point, we need to move from *"This is what happened to me"* to *"This is the good news that can change everything."* So what is that good news?

Scott Lothery writes, *"The gospel is not good advice. It is good news—news about a King who reigns, a people who rebelled, a rescue that was accomplished, and an invitation that must be answered."*

That's where a simple four-part framework can help us communicate clearly:  
**Lord. Sin. Savior. Faith.**

- **Lord** – Jesus is not just a wise teacher. He is Lord—the Creator and King of all. He has authority over the universe and over our lives.
- **Sin** – But we've all rejected His rule. We've chosen our own way instead of His.
- **Savior** – Yet God didn't leave us there. Jesus came, died in our place, and rose again to rescue us.
- **Faith** – And we respond not by trying harder, but by trusting Him. By turning from sin and stepping into His love with faith.

You don't need to memorize a script. But it *is* important to express the Gospel clearly and briefly—especially when it shows up inside your own story.

Here's one way it might sound:

*"I used to think being a Christian was about trying to be a better person. But then I realized it's not about what I do—it's about what Jesus already did for me. When I trusted Him, everything changed."*

Think of your story as a **bridge** to the Gospel.

As you tell your story, invite people to notice these Gospel truths weaving through it:

- What does it mean that Jesus is **Lord** over your fears, choices, and future?
- How has **worship** brought you joy—even in pain?
- Why does it matter that He's your **Savior**—not just a helper, but a rescuer?
- What happened when you took that **step of faith**, even with doubts?

Paint the Gospel into your story. Help people see that faith isn't just a personal experience—it's an *open invitation*. Jesus is real. He saves. And He's ready to meet anyone who believes.

### **Reflection:**

Your personal story draws people in, but it's the Gospel that draws people to Christ. This section reminds us that while our testimony builds relational bridges, the Gospel is what brings saving truth. We must be ready to go beyond sharing how Jesus changed *our* life—to explaining how He can change *theirs*.

The four-part framework—**Lord. Sin. Savior. Faith.**—offers clarity in a noisy world. It's not a formula to recite, but a foundation to stand on. The Gospel is not about what we've done or how we feel—it's about who Jesus is, what He has done, and how we respond.

- **Jesus is Lord** – not just our comfort, but our King.
- **Sin is real** – not just brokenness, but rebellion.

- **Jesus is Savior** – not just an example, but the Rescuer who took our place.
- **Faith is the response** – not performance, but trust and surrender.

When we connect this good news to our personal story, we help people see that Jesus isn't just part of our past—He is the active Redeemer in our present and future.

**Your story opens the door. The Gospel invites them in.**

## 5. Part 3 – Using Scripture in Your Story

*(Adding spiritual weight and clarity through key verses)*

Every great story has details that give it meaning—and the same is true for your faith story. One of the most powerful ways to give your story spiritual **weight** is by anchoring it not just in your experience, but in **God's Word**.

While your story speaks to the *heart*, Scripture speaks with *authority*. It adds clarity, eternal truth, and a sense of something bigger—reminding listeners that this isn't just your personal journey, but part of God's unfolding story for the world.

As Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:16–17, “**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...**” That means when you include even one simple verse, God can use it to convict, comfort, and transform.

Think about the moments when a Bible verse *lifted you up*, or helped you *make sense of your journey*. Maybe it was a promise of God's love... a word about forgiveness... or a picture of new life in Christ. These verses don't just decorate your story—they give it depth and direction.

For example:

- Someone wrestling with guilt might share **Romans 5:8** – “*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*”
- Someone who tried to earn their way to God might point to **Ephesians 2:8–9** – “*It is by grace you have been saved, through faith...*”
- Someone longing for change might quote **2 Corinthians 5:17** – “*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...*”

Scripture doesn't just support your story—it reveals the **foundation** of your hope. It's not based on good feelings or personal effort, but on **God's promises**. And when you share those promises, you're inviting others to open the Bible themselves—to see that this isn't just your opinion... it's *God's voice*, still speaking today.

So here's something to reflect on: **What verse has shaped your walk with Jesus? And how might you weave it naturally into your story the next time you share?**

As J.I. Packer once said, "*We share, but God saves.*" That's why Scripture matters—it's His Word, not ours, that brings lasting change.

**Table Reflection #2 (7 min)**

**Ask your table:** "Is there a Bible verse that has helped shape your journey with Jesus?"

**Prompt:** "How might you weave that Scripture into your story the next time you share?"

**Reflection:**

Your story shows what God has done. Scripture reveals *who* God is.

When you share a verse that has shaped your faith, you're not just quoting the Bible—you're opening a door for someone else to encounter the living Word of God. It's one thing to share your experience; it's another to let God speak through His Word. That's where real weight and authority come in.

Your story invites people into relationship. Scripture invites them into truth.

When you include even a single verse—whether it's about grace, identity, forgiveness, or new life—you're giving your listener something timeless to hold onto. It's no longer just *your* testimony. It becomes a witness rooted in God's eternal promises.

Remember: the goal isn't to impress with how much Scripture you know—it's to express the truth that changed your life.

And often, the verse that anchored you in a season of struggle will become the very verse that anchors someone else in their own.

As you prepare to share your story, ask:

- What verse helped you see Jesus more clearly?
- What truth carried you through your doubts or failures?
- How can you speak that verse with warmth and humility, so it feels like an invitation—not a lecture?

Because when you speak God's Word with love, you're not just telling a story—you're giving people a glimpse of the Storyteller.

## 6. Table Sharing + Wrap-Up + Challenge + Prayer

*(Share one moment God has worked in your story)*

As we come to the end of our time together, take a moment to reflect on what we've walked through today. You have a story—not because your life is perfect, but because you've met a perfect Savior. When your personal story is combined with the Gospel and rooted in God's Word, it becomes one of the most powerful tools you have in outreach. You don't need to have all the answers. You just need to be available, honest, and willing to speak when God opens the door—because your story might be the open door someone else needs to meet Jesus. **So now, pair up at your table and take one minute to share a moment from your story—perhaps a time when Jesus became real to you through surrender, forgiveness, or peace. Try to include one gospel truth and, if possible, a verse that shaped your journey. You might begin with, “There was a time in my life when...” and finish with, “That’s when Jesus became real to me.” Just listen and encourage one another—no feedback needed.**

Then, as we wrap up, here's a simple challenge: Who could you share your story with this week? Ask the Lord to show you—and trust that He will. Let's close in prayer: *Father, thank You for every story You're writing in this room. Thank You that no one is too far gone—and no one is finished. Give us courage to speak and eyes to see the right moment. Use our words, our weakness, and our witness to point others to You. May our stories reflect Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.*