

Now What? - WEEK 2

This is My Story // LESSON OUTLINE

BIG IDEA

We've been chosen to share God's story – starting with our own.

BIBLE

Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21;
1 Peter 2:9; Romans 1:16

ABOUT THIS WEEK

After the resurrection, Jesus didn't just save people—He *sent* them. As followers of Christ, we're ambassadors of the Gospel, telling the world about what He's done in us. This message helps students understand the power of their testimony and challenges them to step into their identity as witnesses in their schools and communities.

WHAT?

Have you ever received a gift that was so great that you felt like you had to tell someone about it? Or maybe someone asked you to keep a secret and you had a really hard time keeping because it was just too good to keep to yourself. Well, guess what? The Gospel is no secret! In fact, it's the greatest story ever told, and we aren't only meant to be recipients of it, but we have been given a responsibility by Jesus to share it with the world.

After Jesus rose, He gave His disciples a command (Matthew 28:18-20) to share the good news, but He also sent the Holy Spirit to be the power by which that Good News takes its place in the hearts of men and women. In other words, the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to *witness* (to give an account of the truth of what they experienced). An example of this is seen in Acts 2 when Peter preaches and thousands accept the Gospel. Later on, Paul would go on to teach us that we are Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

So if we are sent and empowered to share the Gospel too, why don't we? Sometimes it's because we don't think our story is "crazy" enough or "good" enough to compel people. But guess what? It's your story! And that's what makes you a witness! You have had an encounter with Jesus that has changed your life and that's good enough to share!

SO WHAT?

God has uniquely shaped your life, your voice, and your influence. He's put you in places with people that maybe only you can reach. He's given you friends who need to know who He is. He's placed you in a family where you can model the Gospel to them.

Many times our fear of sharing our faith comes from the thought that we have to have all the answers, but that's not true. We don't need ALL the answers, because we know THE answer to all of life's problems. Jesus. Sharing our faith isn't about having all the answers or even the right words. It's about stepping out in faith, pointing others to Him, and letting Him do all the rest. This isn't something special for only the "expert" Christians. **We've all been chosen to share God's story – starting with our own.**

Hopefully this truth and this reminder helps remove some of the stress of sharing your story, but what do we do now? Here are a couple of options to get started:

1. Identify your "one" and start praying for them – You may never have an experience like Peter where your story leads 3,000 people to accept Jesus (but maybe you will). But each of us has someone in our lives who desperately needs to know Jesus. Identify that person, and begin a habit of praying for them.
2. Reflect and Record – Spend some time reflecting on what your God story is and then record it somewhere. Consider writing it out or actually making a voice recording so you can hear what it sounds like.
3. Ask God for the courage to share your story – Ask God to give you boldness and to remind you that the Gospel isn't anything to be ashamed of (Romans 1:16). Also ask Him for guidance on how He wants you to share it. Maybe it's one on one with a friend, or maybe you can record it and share it online or on some other creative platform.

Always remember, your story is unique and special. Even if it doesn't seem like a big deal to you, God could use it to change someone else's life. **We've all been chosen to share God's story – starting with our own.**