

Now What? - WEEK 2

LESSON OUTLINE // This is My Story

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? What are we talking about today?

HOOK – Who's Going to Speak Up?

- Have you ever experienced an awkward silence before? Or a time when you know someone should say something, but for whatever reason, they are done? Like maybe:
 - A teacher asked a question, and the whole class just stared at the floor.
 - Someone got made fun of, and you *wanted* to step in, but you didn't.
 - A friend was clearly hurting, and the room went silent because no one knew what to say.
- These moments can be heavy, and they can stick with you not just because of what happened but because of what didn't happen. Sometimes, what's missing is a voice. And sometimes, you're the one God is asking to speak up.
- The Gospel isn't meant to stay quiet. It's a story meant to be told—and you've got a version of it that only you can share. So when the world goes quiet... who's going to speak up?
- **Illustration:** Think about a witness stand.
 - **Think of a courtroom.** A witness isn't asked to solve the case—they're simply asked to tell what they saw. That's your job. Jesus is the one who saves, but you get to tell your story of what He's done in your life.
- As a matter of fact, not only *should* we share, but we are **commanded** to by Jesus Himself.

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SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

- Can we be honest? Most of us don't feel qualified to talk about our faith. We think:
 - I don't know enough.
 - I haven't been a Christian long enough
 - What if they ask a question I can't answer?
- But here's the truth: you don't need to be an expert in all things theology to talk about what Jesus has done in your life. Because **We've been chosen to share God's story – starting with our own.**
- If you've truly accepted Jesus, you already have everything you need to share the Gospel.

READ ROMANS 1:16 (*Telos pg. 1099*)

- Let's break this verse down:
- **"I am not ashamed..."**
 - Paul is saying, *I'm not embarrassed or afraid* to talk about what I believe—because I know it's true and it matters.

- We live in a world where it's easy to hide your faith. But Paul reminds us: *Don't shrink back. Speak up.*
- **"...of the gospel..."**
 - The gospel means "good news"—the message that Jesus died for our sins, rose again, and invites us into new life with Him.
- **"...because it is the power of God..."**
 - Did you catch that? *The Gospel itself is powerful.*
 - It's not your perfect words or your cool story that changes lives—it's **God's power** working through the message of Jesus.
- **...that brings salvation to everyone who believes."**
 - Anyone. Everyone. The Gospel is for *every person*, no matter their story. And it can start with you simply sharing yours.
- The truth is: you don't need all the answers – you just need a real encounter with Jesus.
- God doesn't wait for you to be "ready". He just wants you to be obedient.
- When you accept Jesus, you're sent out on mission.

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

- So how do we do that? What are some practical steps to help us live this out?
- Here are 3 things you can do today!
 1. **Identify your "one"**
 - Who is one person in your life who needs to know Jesus? Write their name down. Start praying for them.
 2. **Reflect and Record**
 - Take time this week to write or voice record your testimony. Practice telling your story in three parts:
 - What my life was like before Jesus
 - How I met Jesus
 - What my life is like now
 3. **Ask God for Courage**
 - Pray for boldness and opportunities to share. Whether one-on-one or a social media post, God can use your words to point people to him.

PRAYER:

- Lead a prayer asking God to give students boldness, open doors, and remind them that their story—however simple—is powerful.
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