

Tell Your Story

Part 4 – This is My Story

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Paul's Story

- God opponent (v.12-13)
- Mercy receiver (v.13-14)
- Purposeful Example (v.15-16)

Questions for Discussion: NOTE, because the sermon was primarily testimony, the questions below reflect the opportunity to tell your story to your groups.

1. Read Paul's account of his encounter with Jesus in Acts. 9.1-19. How do you see that reflected in his summary statement in 1 Timothy 1.12-17?
2. God made Paul a purposeful example, summarized in the statement, "This happened so that _____." We learn something about God and what He desires when we think about our story the way Paul thought about his story. When you think about the absolute best part of your spiritual history, how can you transition that into a "This happened so that _____" statement?
3. Paul was honest about his sinful past without glorifying it. How have you seen this misused in the past (by celebrities, relatives, church members, etc.)? Is there an episode in your past that you are tempted to glorify?
4. Knowing we all like a good comeback story, what is one biblical example of God taking a tough / bad situation and redeeming it? What is one example from our culture or history (on the news, on Facebook, etc.)? What is one example of your own life? How can you transition that episode into "This happened so that _____?"
5. There are people in your life that need to hear of certain episodes of your story. Think of one person and one part of your story. Who is one person you will commit to try to share your story with this week? Take a moment and pray for an opportunity.