

## Sharing Your Faith Story: A Guide

Your faith story does not need to be dramatic to be meaningful. We can see God in the everyday course of life. The goal is not to impress people, but to help our church family see the faithfulness of God through the real stories of ordinary lives.

### Helpful Guidelines:

#### 1. Focus on God's faithfulness

- a. Your story is ultimately about God – not just about you.
- b. As you write, ask, "Where was God present? How did God guide, comfort, correct, provide, teach, or transform? What have you learned about God's character through your story?"
- c. The center of our story is not, "Look what I did," but, "Look at how faithful God has been!"

#### 2. Tell a story, not just ideas.

- a. Stories help connect people. Instead of only sharing beliefs or lessons, include moments and experiences. Be descriptive!
- b. You might describe a season of struggle or doubt, an important relationship, a prayer that changed you, or a moment of clarity or surrender.
- c. Sharing these specific moments often helps others see themselves, and God, in their story too.

#### 3. Be honest and human.

- a. You do not need to be an excellent writer to tell your story. Not everything has to be polished and perfect. Authenticity helps people connect more deeply than perfect does. So... be you! Write like you speak. Use your natural voice.
- b. It's ok to talk about questions, failures, fears, waiting, and growth that is ongoing.
- c. Christian testimony is not about pretending life is easy. It's about witnessing to God's presence in real life.

#### 4. Keep Jesus at the center

- a. As you reflect on your story, consider:
  - i. How has Jesus changed the way you see yourself?
  - ii. How has your understanding of grace, forgiveness, hope, or love grown?
  - iii. What does following Christ mean to you today?
- b. Even small experiences can reveal the work of Christ in powerful ways!