

## Sent: The Story of a Difference Maker Pastor Mark Pope March 14 & 15, 2020

- 1. Have you ever experienced the power of a testimony, whether your own story or one you heard from someone else? Describe what made it significant.
- 2. Why do you think it's easy to shy away from sharing the ugly parts of our stories? Why is it important to still share those?
- 3. Do you have trouble being authentically transparent? Why can this be so difficult to do?
- 4. What are your natural or spiritual gifts or abilities? How can you use that ability to encourage and bring hope to someone?
- 5. Read Psalm 107:1-9
  How does this scripture motivate you to share your story? What has God given you that you should share?
- 6. Do you tend to focus more on the bad parts of your story or the good parts? What should the balance look like?
- 7. Read Revelation 12:11
  Your testimony could help someone overcome addiction, depression, hopelessness, etc...
  Do you believe that your testimony is powerful and can be helpful in someone else finding freedom?
- 8. Are you willing to suffer some embarrassment if it could change someone's life?
- 9. How can you start inserting parts of your testimony into your everyday conversations this week? What does this practically look like?
- 10. What are your natural or spiritual gifts and abilities? How can you use those abilities to encourage and bring hope to someone?

