



## LESSON 5 // SHARE YOUR STORY

**Big Idea:** When you go on a meaningful journey, you want to share it with others. Just as the first disciples shared their story about following Jesus, each of us has a story to tell about our journey with Christ. You can share your story by getting baptized as a public declaration of your faith in Jesus and by living different because of your relationship with Him. It's also important for you to know your story and be ready to share it with others who need to hear what the Lord has done—and is doing—in your life.

**Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)** *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

### Start Talking:

Share a story about a trip that was meaningful for you. What made it memorable?

### Start Thinking:

**Read Matthew 3:13-17; 28:19, 20.** Why is being baptized such an important part of sharing your Jesus story? What message does it communicate to others?

**Read Ephesians 4:1.** In what ways should we live differently as followers of Jesus? What are some of the challenges you face in trying to do this?

**Read John 4:28-30.** Why do you think the Samaritan woman in this story wanted to share what Jesus had done for her? How does this encourage you about sharing your story with others?

**Read 1 Peter 3:15.** What are some ways you can prepare and be ready to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" in Christ (1 Peter 3:15)?

### Start Praying:

Pray for God to help you understand and share your story better so it can have an impact on others for His glory.

### Start Doing:

Write out your Jesus story in a concise way (one page or less) that can be easily shared. Include specific events and emotions that make it more personal and relatable (rather than general and "religious"). Be sure to describe how God is working in your life right now as well. Then pray and look for opportunities to share this as the Lord opens the door.

Also, if you have not been baptized as a believer in Jesus, register now to do this at:  
<https://church-redeemer.org/next-steps/baptism/>