

WEEK 3 • SHARING YOUR STORY

<p>5-10 mins</p>	<p>Welcome & Greet Pray to open your time as a group</p>
<p>Sharing Stories 60-90 mins</p>	<p>Intro Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What encouraged you this week from the study? What challenged you? <p>As time permits, have group members share their 3 minute story. Plan for 10 mins per person to share, group members to respond, and prayer. You may only get through part of your group, the rest will share weekly the remainder of the semester. Review the sheet we should have prepared as guidelines for what we're sharing (p.86-88)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who I was before Jesus • How I came to know Jesus • Who I am now • What He is teaching me currently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each member shares, set the timer for 2 minutes and have group members respond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What encouraged you about their story? • Call out the work of God • Spend 1 minute in prayer thanking God for the person who shared. <p>*If you have people in your group who have not embraced the gospel, handle with care. Let them know we're so glad they're here, we'd love to learn more about them. Ask them to share:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What made them sign up for a life group? • Heritage, high points, hard times • Have they seen God working in their life? <p>*If your group has already shared stories, share a 3 minute update on what God is currently doing in your life.</p> <p>If you finish early, discuss what was meaningful from the message or the curriculum this week.</p>
<p>10 mins</p>	<p>Index Cards: Pass out cards to your group to write a prayer request and contact info. Ask "What from this week's content do you need prayer for? Specifically, do you have any fears or opportunities to share your story this week?" Swap cards to pray for someone during the week and reach out.</p>
<p>5 mins</p>	<p>Wrap Up Any questions or information you need to share Leaders close in prayer</p> <p>Reminders: Prayer Experience this Saturday. We will have the handouts for your group time, but you'll need to remind your group about fasting 24 hours and bringing food to break the fast together. There's a fasting resource in the appendix.</p>