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MODULE 1 | **Jesus & Me**

Leaders Guide

Module Overview

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This module is designed to help you prayerfully proclaim the good news of Jesus to people as you tell them the story of how Jesus met and changed you.

1. Listen and Share
2. People and Prayer
3. Trained and Ready
4. Creation and Identity
5. Fall and Brokenness
6. Redemption and Security
7. Re-creation and Hope
8. Transformation and Change
9. Telling My Story
10. Living My Story

Each session includes these components:

1. **INTRO.** Each session starts with a short training video.
2. **TRAIN.** Build our confidence and competence in evangelism by working through Biblically grounded training material.
3. **SHARE.** Talk through evangelistic opportunities in the past week, whether these are stories of successes, 'fails,' or simply interesting conversations with potential.
4. **PRAY.** Praise God for His love, salvation, and the privilege of evangelism. Ask God to save our family and friends and speak through us to them.
5. **HOMEWORK.** Revisit session content from a different angle to consolidate our learning.

Module Goals

- Learn a gospel framework to help us better understand what God has done for us in Christ.
 - So that we continue to grow closer to God and more willing and able to glorify Him.
- Practice articulating the gospel (= God's story) and how it intersects with our story.
 - So that we can talk with others about Jesus and the difference knowing Him makes.
- Pray for our family and friends who don't know Jesus yet.
 - So that they might share in knowing Jesus with us.

Session 9

Telling My Story

Turning your testimony into a story.

Session Introduction

Watch the introduction video for Session 9 and listen to Sarah share why and how she 'tells her story'. Then Jakob and Esperanza will give you an introduction to Session 9: Telling My Story.

Share with each other something that stood out for you in the Gospel presentation 'Back to God's Village'. Did you have any questions about the presentation?

Train

Every Christian has a story about how they became Christian and why they stay Christian. It will *always* be a story about how God, in Christ, transforms our identity, brokenness, security and hope. But it will always be a *unique* story because people are different, our experiences are different, and how Jesus meets us in the particulars of our life is different.

No two stories will be exactly the same.

Further, our story has many chapters because our relationship with God is multifaceted and dynamic. When we share our story with others, sometimes we share one chapter and at other times we share a different chapter. Some chapters are yet to be written so it helpful to reflect regularly and update our stories.

God's Story

God's sovereign kindness: it might be your particular story about Jesus that someone needs to hear so that they can call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

In Romans 10:9-15 Paul speaks about God sending people to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

1. How does someone become a Christian (9-13)?
 - *By declaring that Jesus is Lord. We recognise that Jesus is Lord by acknowledging our relationship with Him.*
 - *By believing that God raised Jesus from the dead so that we might be justified and made right with God. True faith is heart faith.*
2. What is the flow of logic in 13-15? How does each phrase lead into the next?

- *People who call on Jesus will be saved.*
 - *To call on Jesus they need to believe that He can and will save them.*
 - *To believe in Jesus they need to hear about Jesus.*
 - *To hear about Jesus they need someone to tell them about Jesus.*
 - *People will only tell them about Jesus if God sends them to speak.*
 - *God entrusts his people with the beautiful privilege of sharing the Good News about Jesus with people.*
3. What encouragement does this passage give us to share our story with those around us?
- *People become Christian through the preaching of the Gospel about Jesus. This is how God wants it and plans it.*
 - *Preaching the Gospel so that people might be saved is a beautiful thing.*
 - *The message of Jesus is Good News.*

People need to hear about Jesus so that they can believe in Him. People hear about Jesus because God sends people to preach about Jesus. The message about Jesus is Good News and those who speak about Jesus give people around them a beautiful opportunity to know Jesus.

My Story

Choose one chapter of your story with God to reflect on and write about now. Look back at the Summary Table if you want to jog your memory about the key ideas and questions that were raised in each stage.

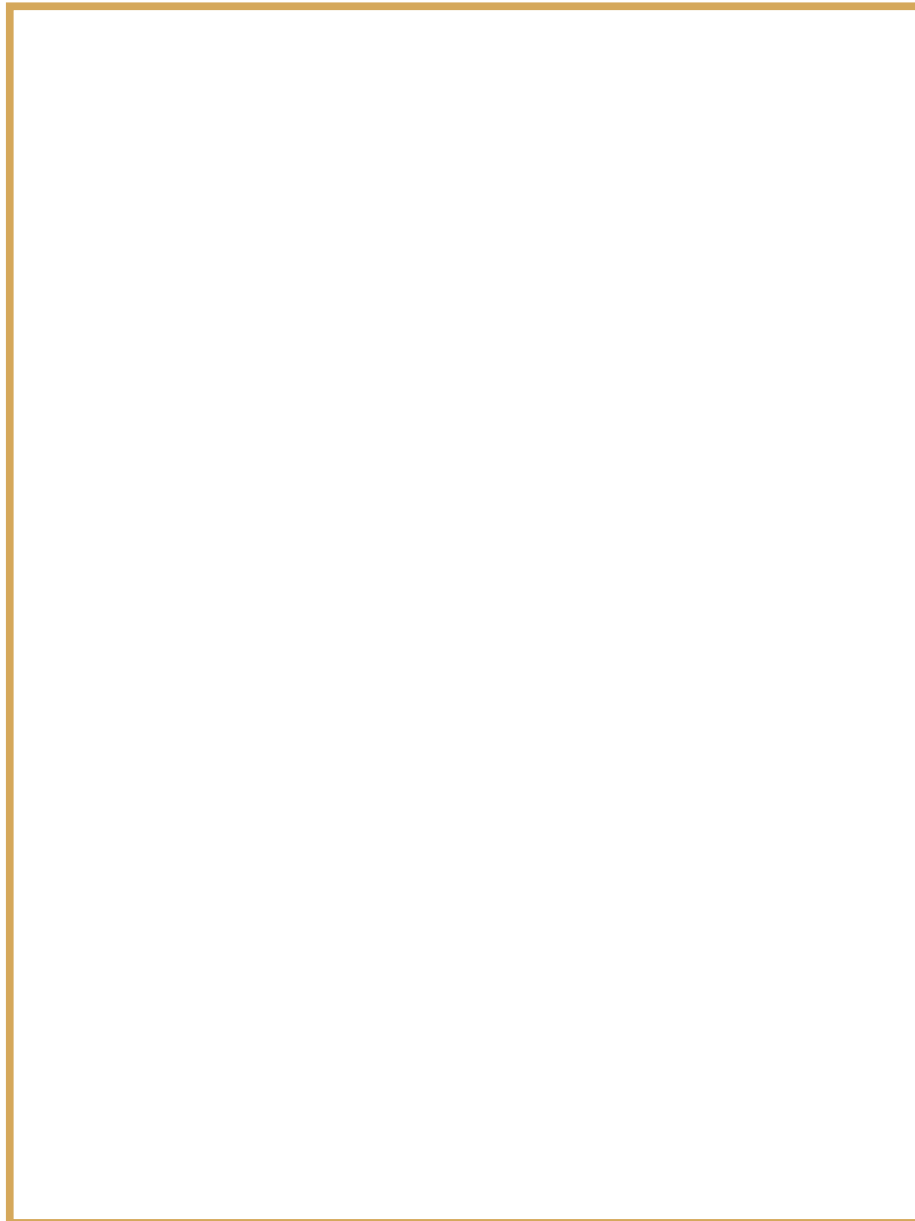
As you write, use specific, real-life examples to show clearly the difference that knowing Jesus makes to your life, and why knowing Him makes life better. Remember to avoid Christian jargon. Bonus points for a clear connection to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

If you are struggling to come up with a topic or story to write about, have a look at the following questions and see what comes to mind.

- When we prayed for your friends and family, was there one part of your story with Jesus that you really wanted to share with them? If so, work on that.
- When we explored each stage in God's story, was there one stage that particularly resonated with you? Or was there one 'My Story' question that you wanted to spend more time on? You could start there.
- We have all heard a lot about each other's stories over the past few sessions. Ask the group which aspect of your story they would like to hear more about and work on that.

- Answer the question 'what do I enjoy about life with Jesus'? This question highlights why you 'stay' a Christian and why following Jesus makes life better. Just unpack one aspect of this, with a specific, real-life example.
- Answer the question 'why did I become a Christian?' While this question overlaps with 'how' you became a Christian, it focuses attention *more* on personal motives and impact, and *less* on the timeline of events. Just unpack one aspect of this, with a specific, real-life example.

Take ten minutes to sketch out your story. Then use your notes to tell your story to each other. Try to keep it to three minutes each so that you focus on the key points.



Give each other feedback.

- Point out any use of Christian jargon.
- Where and how did Jesus come up?
- Which part of each story really spoke to you, or encouraged you, or challenged you? Why?
- What part of the story would you like to hear more about? Why?

Share

Share any stories of evangelistic opportunities in the past week: successes, failures, answered prayers, and interesting conversations. Take brief notes to remind you of what to pray for.

Pray

Read Romans 10:9-15 and use it as a basis for prayer. Thank God for His work in your life and ask Him to send you to share the Good News with others. Pray for each other's family and friends.

Homework

- Listen to Sam Chan tell his story. Listen from 6:10 mins to the 9:40 min. mark: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfXnVkpmsyI
- Which of our themes (identity, brokenness, security, hope, change) comes up?
- What does Sam tell us about Jesus?
- How did he use specific stories to illustrate the points he was making?
- Read through the 'My Story' questions that we looked at in previous weeks. What other stories can you tell about knowing Jesus and the difference that knowing Him makes? Write out two more chapters of your story.

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