

DAY 5 - *Your Faith Story*

Jesus came to tell the world about God and to fulfill the rescue plan God had put in place. And we're invited into that rescue plan, too. Jesus came to train and equip us to share his good news. Have you ever wondered why you and I don't go to heaven the minute we acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives? It's because God's plan for rescuing the world includes us! We're supposed to spread the word, to reach into the hard to find places, the areas of people's lives that no one else is willing to touch, and to share Jesus' love. We're supposed to seek out the lost, the least, the untouchables, and bring them into God's family. When he had one last opportunity to speak to his followers, he commanded them to go and share his message.

Reaching out to those around us doesn't come naturally to everyone. We have to practice and prepare so we will know what to say when the time comes. First Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Yesterday you saw that other people's words, actions, and stories have impacted your life to deepen your walk with Christ and to help get you through tough times. God wants to use you in the same way! Part of your purpose in the world is spreading Jesus' story.

Often the easiest place to begin is by sharing your own faith journey. Take a few minutes to think about and write out some key parts of your faith story.

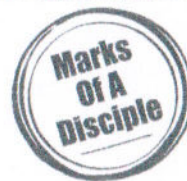
How has knowing Jesus changed your life?

Write down a few milestone moments in your faith. Maybe you went from knowing to believing or had a breakthrough in your understanding of Jesus.

In your own words, why did Jesus come to die for us? How does that make a difference in your everyday life?

What does a relationship with Christ look like?

How does someone follow Jesus? (Go back to Day 2 in the Rescue chapter for some key Bible verses about this.)



Disciples of Christ can **SHARE** their faith story. (1 Peter 3:15)