

Warm Up

Share one of your favorite stories. This could be a book, movie, song, poem, or perhaps a story someone told you at some point in your life.

Digging Deeper

Read Luke:18:35-43 (see Matthew 20:29-34 & Mark 10:46-52 for reference)

What stands out to you in this story of healing and transformation?

What truths do we learn about Jesus, the way he works in people's lives, faith, etc.?

What other stories of healing, comfort, transformation, etc. in the Bible have left an impact on you?

In verse 43, it says "Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God." How is it that one man's story of transformation can have such a profound impact on others around them?

In what ways does an openness to sharing our stories help to cultivate good spiritual soil in our lives?

Next Steps

In your life, what contexts (family, friends, coworkers, etc.) are easiest for sharing your story/parts of your story? What contexts are most challenging?

Do you currently feel prepared to share about aspects of your life that might be someone personal, if you think it will benefit someone else to hear what you have been through?

What can you do to prepare yourself to share how God has been at work in your life?

How can your small group foster a culture of storytelling?

Final Thoughts

Take some time to think about the people in your life and how you might be able to encourage them with your own story. Make a point to spend time with some of these people and share your story. Share how God has been at work in your life through the highs and lows.