

Week 10 | LEADER GUIDE

John 6:41-71 | The Bread of Life (Part II)

15-SECOND STORY

Sharing your story is an important part of your faith journey. When people know what Jesus has saved you from, and how the Holy Spirit is transforming your life, it can help others trust God and his ability to do the same in their lives. But articulating our story can be difficult. The **15-second story** is a tool to help you concisely share your story in a way that highlights transformation and creates curiosity.

Sharing your 15-second story goes like this: “There was a time in my life when _____, but now because of Jesus I am becoming _____. What’s your story?” This quickly describes a key aspect of your life that has been changed by the Gospel of Jesus, and **importantly** ends with an invitation for the other person to share their story... whether or not they know Jesus.

There are many launching points for sharing a 15-second story:

- Any time you have a spiritual conversation with a non-Christian, look for an opportunity to share what God has done in your life.
- When someone is sharing a hurt or sin-struggle that you’ve been through, you can start with “Me too, I once _____, but now because of Jesus _____. Do you have a story like that?”
- Maybe you’re ready to take a friendship deeper, the 15-second story is a great way to do so without feeling like you have to share *all* the details of what your faith journey has been like.
- For small group gatherings, “story sharing” can take an entire group time or multiple group times. The 15-second story gives some insight into what God has done in a way that everyone can share quickly.
- When else might you share a 15-second story?

BLESS

How did serving others go this week?

JOHN 6:22-40

Read John 6:41-71

1. *What stood out to you in the passage?*
2. *What might have been challenging or difficult for people to accept about his teachings?*
3. *Jesus speaks about the significance of eating his flesh and drinking his blood. What do you think he meant by this statement? How does it relate to the practice of taking Communion?*
4. *Jesus emphasizes the necessity of being drawn by the Father to come to him. How do you perceive the role of God's initiative in drawing people to Christ?*
5. *What is one thing you could do to deepen your commitment to Christ in light of this passage?*

PRAYER

Jesus transformed entire communities through the way he engaged with people. How might our group impact the community we live in? One helpful tool for engaging the community is an acronym: BLESS. It stands for:

Begin with prayer

Listen

Eat

Serve

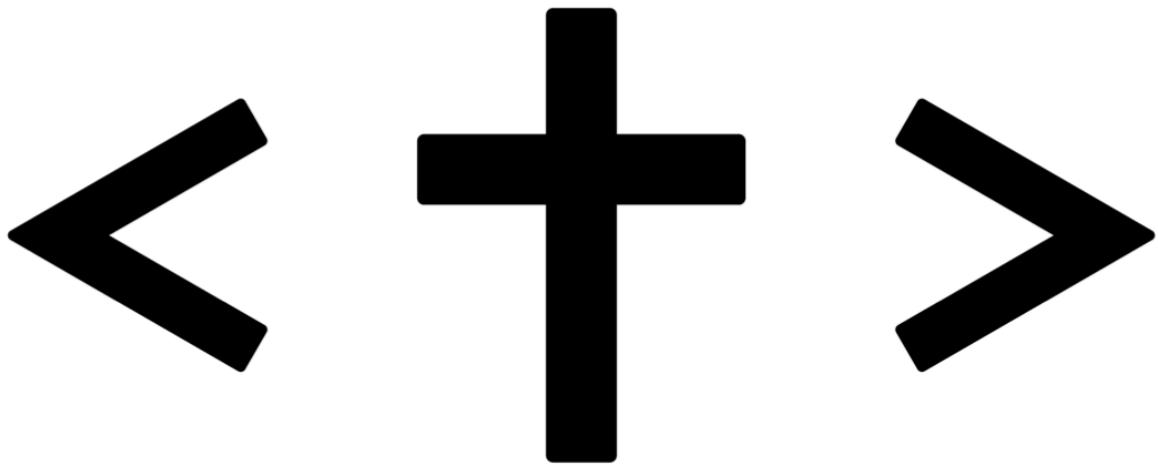
Share

This week, we'll focus on "sharing." There are two important aspects of sharing: our story and God's story. This week, we're equipping people with a tool that will help them be confident in sharing how Jesus has impacted their lives. We'll practice using a tool for sharing God's story in a few weeks.

15 Second Story (*If you'd like a handout, there is an image you can print and pass out at the bottom of this guide*)

- **Model** the 15-second story. Tell the group you'll show them how to share and then ask someone else "What's your story?" Then go: "There was a time in my life when _____, but now because of Jesus, I am becoming _____. (name someone) What's your story?"
- Have group members each **practice** sharing their story and concluding by asking someone else: "What's your story?"
- **Ask:** Who could you share your story with this week?

How can we be praying for one another?



My 15-Second Transformation Story

Before Jesus, I was _____
(Two or three words)

After Jesus, I am becoming _____
(Two or three words)

Then ask: _____