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Part 1: My Story Can Make A Difference  
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# DIFFERENCE MAKERS

## How To Use My Story To Make A Difference

### John 9 - The Story Of The Blind Man Who Is Healed

#### 1. C \_\_\_\_\_ my story

**Know that I am following Jesus**

"I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,  
so that you may know you have eternal life."

1 John 5:13

**My Salvation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

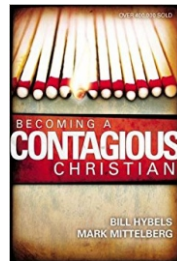
#### 2. C \_\_\_\_\_ my story

**Ask God to use my story**

"If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to  
explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way."

1 Peter 3:15-16

**Recommended Resource:**  
*Becoming a Contagious Christian*  
by Bill Hybels  
\$10 @ the Coffee House



### Memory Verse

"But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a  
prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners.  
Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him  
and receive eternal life."

1 Timothy 1:16

#### 3. C \_\_\_\_\_ my story

**Share my story with people around me**

"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the  
work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others  
the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."

Acts 20:24

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### MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Confirm my story and begin to follow Jesus today
- Memorize 1 Timothy 1:16
- Prepare my story and then be ready to share it frequently
- Begin to pray for and invite my unchurched friends to Easter at ERBC. Please join me in praying for:



Be sure and invite a friend, family member or  
co-worker to join you next week at ERBC!

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## Discussion Questions - Week #8

# COREGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “My story can make a difference” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

What impacted you the most from the message?

### GETTING STARTED

1. As a child what was your favorite storybook?

2. If you could be any fictional character who would it be and why?

3. In Pastor Rick’s message on being a “Difference Maker” we talked about the power of our story! Has someone shared a personal story of God working in his or her life that impacted you? If so, how?

### DIGGING DEEPER

4. Read Matthew 16:24-27

According to this passage how would we know that we are following Jesus?

What does it cost us to follow Him?

What distracts us from pursuing Jesus?

If you had to give an account for the ways you have actively followed Jesus what could you share?

Does it align with this passage?

5. Read Jeremiah 1:4-10

What thoughts or feelings come to mind when you read this passage stating that “before I formed you I knew you?”

Clearly God had a plan for Jeremiah’s life, do you believe that He has a plan for yours?

Do you believe that God can use you for his glory?

What was Jeremiah's response to God's plan for his life?

What was God's response to Jeremiah?

Do you believe these truths to be possible for you?

6. Read John 4:1-30,39-42

If you were to try and summarize this woman's story in a few sentences how would you sum it up?

What reasons might she have had for thinking that she could not be a difference maker?

How can you relate to the woman at the well when it comes to thinking that God could not use you?

Through the story she shared, how did this woman make it less about her and more about what Jesus had done for her?

### TAKING IT HOME

7. How can the group be praying for you to be more confident in sharing your story?

8. What action step can you take this week to confirm and or communicate your story?

### PRAYER REQUESTS