



Sharing Your Faith Story

“Be Transparent.” We hear that tossed around a lot these days – but it’s true. You’ve got to tell your faith story, but not in the traditional “Sunday School” fashion.

Tell your faith story in full disclosure mode. Be transparent. Women are hungry for another woman to be real with them...to share failures as well as successes and to be open about your humanity. And more than anything, they need to hear how Jesus Christ has truly changed your life – how you interact with Him every day – how He’s changed you – and how you continue to grow (and struggle) even now.

This is the most important piece of your first meeting. **YOU WILL SET THE TONE AND DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY OF YOUR GROUP BY HOW YOU SHARE YOUR STORY.** We can’t stress that enough.

It is critical that everyone in the group is there on your Launch Night to hear it in its entirety. How deep they go, how open they are with you and each other, will be determined in large part by how deep YOU go and how open you are.

What follows here is taken from the handout you’ll print out and give to your mentees on Launch Night. We’ve provided it here in case you need the blueprint or help to get ready to give your faith story:

God can work best when we bear our souls to one another, sharing the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Remember that what’s said in the group stays in the group. The model is the one outlined by Paul when he told his story to King Agrippa (Acts 26).

Before Describe your life before Christ: growing up, failures, doubts, family issues, relational issues. None of us has it totally together, so be transparent. What did you struggle with?

Need Describe what happened that led you to discover your need for God. This can be anything from a dramatic “then God” moment to a time when God’s love overwhelmed you. Don’t make your story anything other than what it is, but don’t hold back. Be real. Be transparent. Tell it all. The other women will know you’re being authentic and will connect with you, the more human you are!

Encounter Describe the events surrounding your conversion. What were the specific circumstances in the 24 hours surrounding your crossing the line of faith? Be specific. It builds credibility. People want to hear REAL stories from real people. Again, your story is your story, but don’t hold anything back.

After Describe your life since. What happened next? How did you change? How did God reveal Himself to you? What has been your faith walk since? Where is your husband in all this? Your kids? What do you struggle with now? What is God doing in your life today?

Now that you've shared your life with the group, open the floor for questions and encouragement.