

## Big Church Small Church Podcast

### 11: God Stories

#### Episode Notes

Thanks for joining the *Big Church/Small Church Podcast*. In this episode I discuss how to tell your God story to unbelievers. This is how to witness to the unchurched. 1 Peter 3:15 says, “Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.”

#### Why Tell Stories?

- It is how humans make sense of the world around them.
- Builds relationship- Transcends time and space and you meet someone in that moment.
- Transformational
- Nobody can argue your experience.
- People remember stories over content
- We live in the age of stories. People hear 30 stories per week.

#### 1 Peter 3:15

We witness by telling people why we live the way we do as Christians. People should be able to see the fruit the Spirit produces in our lives. People ask questions because of the way you live your life differently to the surrounding world. You have a unique story that will connect with someone else. You have a unique story as a witness of Jesus that will connect to someone else.

#### II. How to tell a good God story.

- Use characters, setting, struggle, rising action, climax,
- Be Authentic. Better from the heart rather than perfect.
- Details make a story come alive.
- Use your 5 senses
- Bring emotion into the story
- What were you like before and what are you like now? How has God impacted your life?
- Practice different length stories for various situations (5 min, 10min, 30min).
- Adapt your story for your audience.

#### Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever heard a God story (testimony) that impacted your faith?
2. What is your God story?
3. Who could you share your God story with?

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