

Sticky Group Discussion Questions for Sunday, February 8, 2015

Part 4 : What's His Story ?

1. In our "Becoming a Contagious Christian" series, we've asked, "What's your story," and now, "What's His story." Your story is the story of how God worked in your life and brought you to faith in Christ. His story is the Gospel. As a warm-up exercise, share with your group a favorite story of yours growing up. Any story will do – fairy tale, Bible story, tall tale, whatever. Why was it a favorite ?

2. Pastor Bill Hybels tells how an unsaved friend of his once unexpectedly and suddenly asked Hybels, "What does it mean to become a Christian ?" Hybels said he knew he had about 45 seconds to give an answer that would hold this friend's attention, as well as the attention of others who were listening. If you were Bill Hybels in that situation, how would you answer the question ?

3. Try to re-construct as much of the "His Story" outline as possible. There were four main points – God, Us, Jesus Christ, and You – and there were three subpoints beneath each main point. Can you remember them ?

4. What do you think unsaved (pre-Christian ?) people think in their minds when you or I say ...
 - ... God is loving ?
 - ... God is holy ?
 - ... God is just ?

5. How would you define or describe "sin" to someone who was not yet saved ? What problems does our current society have with the concept of sin ?

6. "The wages of sin is death," says Romans 6:23. What is death ? Where did death come from ? What is spiritual death ? What is eternal death ?

7. Why is the "Bad News" of the Gospel (sin, death, God's justice) necessary ? Which is harder for unsaved people to accept, the "Bad News" of the Gospel, or the Good News ?

9. What evidences would you give to support the fact that Jesus Christ is God ? What evidences to support that He was human ?

8. The result of responding to Jesus Christ as our Forgiver (Savior) and Leader (Lord) is spiritual transformation. How would you describe that transformation ? If this is the case, why do we see many unhappy, seemingly untransformed, Christians ?

9. Try to re-tell the difference between Christianity and religion. One is spelled D-O ; the other is spelled D-O-N-E.

10. Try as a group to reconstruct the Bridge illustration shown in the video clip Sunday.

11. If time remains, have some in your group share how you came to a place of faith in Jesus Christ. What event(s) were a part of that ? Who helped you get to that point ?