

# DISCUSSION GUIDE



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A New Story

**BIG IDEA:** Only Jesus can give you a new story.

## GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is where we Ask, Listen, and Respond to take any action that advances our journey with Jesus.

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## KEY VERSE

**“Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”**

**Mark 5:19**

## POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Our story is perfectly designed to reach the people in our lives. Share the story of what Jesus has done for you with one person this week.

Do you have a story of someone taking a next step?

Share with us at  
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## MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

- 1. Jesus can bring breakthrough in even the most hopeless situations.** Oppression leads to ungodly beliefs and ungodly beliefs lead to demonic empowerment. Jesus has all authority and Satan has none. **(Romans 8:31; 2 Corinthians 3:17)** We follow the God of breakthrough. His faithfulness is greater than our faith. **(Mark 9:22-24)** Life is hard but Jesus is good! **(Psalm 40:1-3)**
- 2. An encounter with Jesus leaves you with a story to tell. (Mark 5:19)** All of us have a story we are telling to ourselves and the people around us. We are either telling about what God has done for us or what the world has done to us. Our story is – Jesus saved us, healed us, loved us, never left us, gave us family, friends, provision, a church, air to breathe, life to live, hope, and a future. **(Acts 4:20)** Like Paul, we have to learn to embrace the Gospel. **(Romans 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:8)** Focus on the fact that Jesus has overcome this world versus focusing on the troubles of the world. **(John 16:33)**
- 3. Your story prepares the way for Jesus to come. (Mark 5:18-20)** The story of the one man brought the multitudes to Jesus. **(Mark 7:31-8:1)** Jesus touches us knowing we will be the key for Him to touch others. **(John 1:41-42; Luke 10:1)** Jesus is sending us into the lives of other people to share our story and open up their lives to what He has for them. Our story is perfectly designed to reach the people in our lives. **(2 Corinthians 3:3)**
- Easter is next week. We are throwing a party to tell the city what Jesus has done in our lives! **(Romans 14:17)**
  - a. Invite everyone but bring someone.**
  - b. Engage at an inconvenient service time.**
  - c. Be Valley Creek.** Come early and stay late. Park as far away from the building as you can and sit as close to the front as you can. Be kind and serve those around you. Engage in both worship and the message.

## DISCUSSION

- Oppression leads to ungodly beliefs. What is an ungodly belief that you have held? How did Jesus free you from it? (See point #1)
- Jesus touches us knowing we will be the key to opening the door for others. Are you excited or reluctant to tell others about all the good things that Jesus has done in your life? Why? (See point #2)
- Next week is Easter. We believe that church is a party. Who is the one person you are planning to bring? What do you expect God to do in their hearts? (See point #4)
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**
- What is your next step?**