



THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

My Story – 12/6/2020

OVERVIEW

Now is the time that God has called us to see the church as a movement of people, empowered by God's Spirit, sent out from this place to make a lasting impact through the goodness of Jesus to the world around us. One of the greatest tools we have is the story of how God has changed and transformed our own lives. Are you prepared to bring the peace of Jesus, the freedom of Jesus, and the hope of Jesus found in the gospel to others by sharing your story?

Scriptures (NIV): Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 8:1-2; Psalm 113:6-8; Ephesians 4:12a; Acts 26:4-5, 9-16, 19-22; 1 Peter 3:15

APPLICATION

- People can't argue with a changed life. What holds you back from sharing your God story with others?
- Share who you were before you encountered Jesus. Some bullet points might include: What was your family like growing up? Were they religious or nonreligious? Were there any particular struggles you had? Etc.
- Share how Jesus pursued you and the moment you surrendered your will to His Will. Some bullet points might include: How did you see God pursuing you? Did God put anyone in your path to help lead you to Him? Were you at a corporate worship gathering or event?
- How has your life changed by following Jesus? Share the ways you see that God has transformed your life.

NEXT STEP: *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* Using the three prompts above, write out your story. Share your story with someone you feel comfortable with. This will help prepare you for when God asks you to share it with a stranger or someone you do not know very well. Make sure you can articulate it smoothly.

If you do not have a surrender moment maybe you are yet to completely submit to God's Will. Stop and ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you. If you have questions or want to talk to someone about this, send an email to: pastors@blueridge.org.