

APPENDIX A - The 3x3 Storytelling Method

WHY STORIES MATTER

Stories capture with vivid imagery the details of our lives in ways that simple rote information sharing cannot. You are more than a list of facts. Your life is more complex than bullet points.

God's story of redemption continues to this day and includes your life. Your life's story, wrapped up in God's BIG story gives you context for your life, grounds you in humility, and empowers you to live fully as He intends.

Telling our story - and listening to the stories of others - helps us find our place, discover the truth, and drag darkness into the light so that God and others can help us. We tell our life's stories so that we can know God, ourselves, and others better, for the purpose of turning our hearts more and more to Him.

THE 3x3 METHOD

The 3x3 Method of Storytelling is intentional simplistic and concise. This version of telling your story is a "teaser" to the longer version of how you got to where you are, who shaped you, and what moments defined your life.

In the 3x3 Method we share...

- 3 Important People
- 3 Important Places
- 3 Important Events

All of this, revolving around our walk with Jesus. Who was it that helped you know Him? Where were you when you discovered His truths? What happened that radically clarified or changed the trajectory of your life?

ADDITIONAL STORY TIPS & IDEAS

Tips for telling your story...

- Write it out ahead of time. Take time to reflect on your life - you are worth being known.
- Stick to the plan. Avoid bunny trails and stories that may distract from the bigger picture.
- Share what you are comfortable with, but go 1 step further in transparency than you think is comfortable. To be fully loved, we must be fully known.

Tips for listening...

- Don't interrupt. Let the man finish.
- Keep each story confidential. It is his to tell, not yours.
- Avoid "Story Stealing", "One-Upping", and interjecting with unasked for advice.
- When they are finished, follow-up with questions that seek to clarify, show you care, and prod for deeper understanding. Avoid being interrogative, but show your care through pursuit.
- Thank and Pray for him. No one is beyond the need for encouragement, especially in prayer.