



### WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Are you ready to make your mark for the Gospel? It's as natural as telling the story of God's work in your life. Write out and practice a 3-minute version in your own words using this outline.

#### Before I became a Christian...

Briefly summarize your background and what your life used to be like: lifestyle and behavior (but not the sordid details), thoughts and feelings (maybe indifferent, self-righteous, skeptical, fearful, angry, arrogant, guilty).

#### How I became a Christian...

Briefly describe where you were and who was involved when you received Christ. This is a good time to summarize the Gospel: "I realized I am a sinner... God loves me... Jesus died and rose for me... I repented of my sin... I asked Jesus to come into my heart and life and save my soul."

#### Since I became a Christian...

Briefly describe some ways your faith changed your life such as your thinking (beliefs, values, purpose, goals) personality (patience, kindness, humility) relationships (marriage, family, work), emotions (freedom from guilt, love, joy, peace, hope).

**Believe the Gospel - Proclaim the Gospel**

*Mark 1:15, 16:15*

# The Mark of the Gospel

**Take Your Mark**

**Make Your Mark**



**Believe  
the  
Gospel**

*Jesus said,  
"The kingdom of God  
is near.  
Repent and  
believe the Gospel."*

*Mark 1:15*

**Proclaim  
the  
Gospel**

*Jesus said,  
"Go into  
all the world  
and  
proclaim the Gospel."*

*Mark 16:15*



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**MARK CHAPTER 5**  
**THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL**

**Jesus will be powerful in your life even...**

**...when you are in o \_\_\_ your h \_\_\_ - 4:35-41**

**...when life around you is o \_\_ of c \_\_\_\_\_ - 5:1-20**

**...when you can't find a c \_\_\_ - 5:25-34**

**...when you face l \_\_\_ and g \_\_\_\_\_ - 5:21-24, 35-43**

**DIGGING DEEPER**

*See the next page for a study guide that you can use in a variety of ways  
- in your LIFE group, at the family dinner table, with friends over coffee, in private devotions -  
to help you understand the Bible better and apply it to your life.*

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**READ 4:35-41**

Have you ever gone through stormy days? Been in over your head? Felt like you were drowning in troubles? Was it at home, work, school? Was it over a relationship, finances, health? How did you handle it? Did it drive you toward the Lord or draw you away from Him?

Honestly, has there ever been a time when you actually wondered if the Lord even cares about you? The Psalmist did. Read Psalm 13, 74, 90, and think/talk through his emotional journey.

BONUS: Do a concordance search of the phrase "how long".

**READ 5:1-20**

Think/talk about how this man illustrates 2 Corinthians 5:17.

The man was sent to tell his story. What might this story do for others' opinion of Jesus? Why is it important for him to tell of mercy?

Think/talk about sending him home to tell his story. True or False: "A Christian testimony begins at home." How important is a consistent testimony at home to your impact on the world for the Lord?

Are you prepared to tell your story? Pray for a chance to do so.

**READ 5:25-34**

Have you ever invested in a big way (time, energy, money) to solve a problem that only got worse? Have you ever felt: Helpless? Hopeless? Depressed? Disillusioned? Desperate? Abandoned? What can you do at a time like that? See: Psalm 8; 22:22-24; 95; 119:50, 107, 153; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:2-7, 1 Peter 5:6-7.

**READ 5:21-24, 35-43**

Think/talk about how Jairus "pleaded earnestly" for an earthly physical need. How much more important are eternal spiritual needs? Should we feel more passion for the lost? See Romans 9:1-3. Who can you pray for? Share the name w/ a friend, family, your small group.

See v.36: "Don't be afraid; just believe." Talk about the relationship between fear and faith. See Psalm 27:1, 56:3-4, 118:5-7.

Think/talk about how Hebrews 13:5-6 relates fear and faith to finances and freedom.

Who is the closest person you have lost in death? How did you handle it? Think/talk of the difference in Christian vs non-Christian grief (1 Thess.4:13-18). Think/talk of enduring grief with joy (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**READ AGAIN 5:21-43**

What are the similarities and differences between the story of the woman versus the girl, their situations, Jesus' response? If you are in a small group, use a white board to make a chart for discussion.

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