



“STORIES” **WEEK 1**

WELCOME 20 minutes (6:40-7:00pm)

Welcome to CommUNITY Group! Take a few minutes to catch up on how this past week has gone for everybody. If you'd like to start your group out with an icebreaker question, click the following link for a list of question to choose from: <https://goo.gl/ZTzqaZ>

PRAY 5 minutes (7:00-7:05pm)

Ask if anyone would be willing to pray for God to move during your discussion and to open your hearts and minds to the truth of His Word. If no one is comfortable doing so, its all yours leader!

DISCUSS 40 minutes (7:05-7:45pm)

- 1) Aaron's first key point was that "The Bible and the Believer share the same story." The four parts of this common story are CREATION > THE FALL > REDEMPTION > RESTORATION. How have you seen these elements play out in your own life? Why is it important to connect our individual stories as Christ-followers to the larger story of God?
- 2) Read Galatians 2:20. How do Paul's words in this verse speak to Aaron's 2nd point that "You are not the star of your story"?
- 3) Aaron's 3rd point was "Your story has the power to shape the stories of others." How have other people's stories shaped your life and faith? (Hint: the Bible is full of the stories of faithful men and women of God.)
- 4) Read Romans 10:9-15. How does this passage, particularly verses 14 and 15, speak to our obligations as Christ-followers to spread the Good News?
- 5) Take the remainder of your time together to have individuals tell their stories. Invite others in the group to respond to each other's stories by sharing what they appreciate or are encouraged by in each other's stories. Then brainstorm creative ways the members of your group could tell their story outside of the group.

PRAY 15 minutes (7:45-8:00pm)