What is your story?

Questions:

1. Read Acts 26:1-11. What do you learn about Paul’s life before he met Jesus?

2. Read Acts 26:12-18. What happened when Paul met Jesus?

3. Read Acts 26:19-23. What do you learn about Paul’s life after he met Jesus?

4. Write down a personal story, either about your life in general or an aspect of your life, with the following three steps:

* What is your life like before you met Jesus?
* What happened when you met Jesus?
* What is your life like after you met Jesus?

=== Sermon Notes ===

(slide 1) When will you get to tell your story?

Act 26:1 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.”

1. Eph 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
2. NTUEE reunion
   1. I became a Christian- most unruly person
3. Big stories and small ones, all needed

(slide 2) Why is your story important?

* It is your story not your opinion
* People are interested in it
* People can relate to it

1. You are the most credible person for him/her
2. Your own story is most fascinating
   1. Pastor cant produce 50 stories a year
3. Time and place and situation
   1. I had to make a date of game in a week

(slide 3) How do you organize your story?

* What is your life like before you met Jesus?
* What happened when you met Jesus?
* What is your life like after you met Jesus

(slide 4) What is your life like before you met Jesus?

Acts 26:4 “The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. 5 They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee.

1. NTUEE people know me
   1. Cut class, dream seeker
2. Examples:
   1. I was a heavy smoker and anxious
   2. I was a reluctant kid going to church with mom
   3. I was having a hard life and finding reasons for my misery

(slide 5) What happened when you met Jesus?

12 “On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13 About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. 14 We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? ’

1. Jesus spoke truth, God’s love is real
   1. Encounter the Holy Spirit but that not what moved me
   2. God is real is as important to me as God is good
2. Example:
   1. Jesus gave me peace
   2. Gradually I was witnessed

(slide 6) What is your life like after you met Jesus?

19 “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

1. Now I am a Christian, knowing God
2. **Ending**
   1. Call to write your own stories
   2. Small ones and big ones
   3. Come up and share with GSCC