

## Marking Out Your Story

Keep in mind that everyone has a story and no one's story is finished. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the point of the story. Think about how he is the author and finisher of your story.

While there is only one way to get to heaven, there are countless ways to get to Jesus. The following questions are a guide to help you first discern then articulate your story so that you can let your light shine before others for the praise of God in heaven! Your story doesn't validate your relationship with Christ, it's just a way for people to see Jesus.

(The evidence of a truly changed heart is seen through real change in your thoughts, desires, and actions brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit. (Eph 1:13,14))

*Question # 1 - Creator - How did God begin to start working in your life? Who did God put in front of you?*

*Question # 2 - Creation - What was your identity built on? (This doesn't have to necessarily be a morally-depraved thing or something looked down upon. In fact, often we build our lives on good things that we have wrongly made ultimate).*

*Question # 3 - Fall - How did this identity begin to fail you? What problem or issue did God use to begin to wake your desires for God? What sin or idols did you begin to see as sins against God? What, if any, doubts, fears or struggles were you experiencing that got your attention?*

*Question # 4 - Redemption - What happened for you to respond to God? In other words, how is Jesus the hero of your story?*

*Was there an experience, a promise in Scripture, a passage, a Bible Study, a sermon, a conversation with someone? In Galatians, Paul traces how God changed two areas of his life: the direction of his zeal and his chasing of man's approval. What are two areas of your life that you can similarly trace God's transformation through?*

*Question # 5 - New creation - In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul writes to this church explaining salvation: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" In what ways have you seen that God is creating a new you from the inside out through the Holy Spirit given to you? What areas have you seen change since becoming a Christian?*