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Leader Conversation Guide – Making My Story Make Sense

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris shared that the greatest gift God gives us is, outside of our salvation, is a story that makes sense. Many of us experience what he called “the narrative void,” when our lives don’t seem to have a through line or purpose. But God has created each one of us with purpose -- as the Bible says, all of our days were ordained before one of them came to be. So we do have a story! That leads us to an important question: Who is writing our story? While God certainly walks with us and directs us through our lives, we need to realize that we have a big part to play in writing our story. We choose the character we want to be: victim, villain, hero, or guide. When we have clarity for the kind of story we want to have and the character we want to be, we can partner with God to write a story full of meaning and purpose.

Make It Practical

- Have a vision of a better future for yourself and others. Write a story that is compelling and solves problems for others.
- Be connected with a community of people who are committed to the same vision.
- Be willing to engage and redeem every conflict that challenges the vision. Embrace difficulty and find purpose in it.

“...He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else...He marked out their appointed time in history...God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him...‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’”

From Acts 17:25-28 NIV

Talk About It

1. Describe the story of your life so far. Do you feel you are experiencing the “narrative void,” or do you think your story has “narrative traction”?
2. What character do you want to be in your story? What steps do you need to take to become that character?
3. What kind of vision do you have for a better future for others? How can you help solve problems for other people?

“God wants us to take the reins of our own story.”

Prayer

Father, thank You for creating us with purpose. Give us Your vision for our lives, and help us become the heroes and guides we need to be to write a story that makes a difference. Surround us with a community of people who are committed to the same vision. And give us strength to accept the challenges that happen to us, choose to be transformed, and decide to help others. Fill our lives with meaning, for You glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Leader Tips

Share how this message inspired and challenged you personally. Opening up about your journey will help others be willing to share theirs.

