

"To be a person is to have a story to tell". Isak Dinesen

::INSTRUCTION GUIDE::

Why share your story?

- Everyone has a unique story.
- Sharing stories connects us, helping us belong in community.
- Stories help us understand what God is up to in us and in the world.

Scheduling

1. Plan and communicate the three dates where and when you will meet.
2. Set a 60-90 minute time limit. You won't have time for all the questions and that's ok.

Orchard Life Group Rules

Remind each other each time you meet!

- You can always pass. It's your choice whether you answer.
- Work towards being most honest.
- Be curious about differences.
- Celebrate each story.
- Respect confidentiality.

Tips for Success

- Don't offer advice
- Don't be a one upper
- Listen carefully
- Ask questions

Helpful Instructions

1. Set a timer for 50-80 minutes. Leave 10-15 minutes for ending well.
2. **Round One:** Each person chooses 2-3 questions they want to answer.
3. **Round Two :** Each person picks one question at a time to ask the group. Continue until time is up.
4. **Round Three:**
 - a. **Listening Check-** Each person shares one thing they are going to remember or one thing someone said that impacted them in a powerful way while listening.

AND/OR
 - b. **Prayer-**Collect prayer requests, pray for the person on your right or have one person close with prayer.