

Online Bible Study
Reporting Sunday

This week we had the chance to listen to people share their stories of following God as a seeker a student and a servant. We heard of children sharing their story with other children, of high school students making a difference in England, and of one adult whose life was so changed that he has come home to work to change the lives of others, both here and abroad.

As you approach this study, pause to reflect on your story. God knows your story. He knows the faded pages of the past, as well as the fresh pages ahead. He knows the details of the setting that you find yourself living today. Take a moment to pray and thank Him for being involved and engaged in your story. Pray that you will be responsive to God's authorship and authority in your life, and that you will faithfully follow Him as He leads you today.

Read Acts 4:1–22 and answer the following questions.

What kind of courage and trust did Peter and John show before the Sanhedrin?

What were their qualifications to share their story? (see vs. 13)

What was the outcome of their testimony?

What is your greatest challenge in sharing your story with those around you?

What fears is God calling you to surrender in your willingness to share His story?

Take a moment to view some of the short-term trips that are available through NMC. You can view the opportunities at www.northmetro.org/shorttermtrips or in the brochure that was distributed in church on Sunday. As you look through the list of trips, ask God to show you His desire for you. Ask Him to reveal to you His plan regarding your participation. Is He calling you to participate through going on a team, financially supporting a team, or praying for a team?

Being a seeker, a student and a servant does not mean that we must travel to a distant land to share our story. Our story is most prominently heard by those who know us best, those in our offices, neighborhoods, and schools. Are there people in your life with whom God is calling you to share your story? Take a moment and ask God to reveal to you His heart for people who need to hear His story from you.

As you close this time in study, pray for the courage to share your story, and then look for the opportunity to share!

Psalm 116

I love God because he listened to me, listened as I begged for mercy.
He listened so intently

as I laid out my case before him.
Death stared me in the face,
hell was hard on my heels.
Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn;
then I called out to God for help:
"Please, God!" I cried out.
"Save my life!"
God is gracious—it is he who makes things right,
our most compassionate God.
God takes the side of the helpless;
when I was at the end of my rope, he saved me.

I said to myself, "Relax and rest.
God has showered you with blessings.
Soul, you've been rescued from death;
Eye, you've been rescued from tears;
And you, Foot, were kept from stumbling."

I'm striding in the presence of God,
alive in the land of the living!
I stayed faithful, though bedeviled,
and despite a ton of bad luck,
Despite giving up on the human race,
saying, "They're all liars and cheats."

What can I give back to God
for the blessings he's poured out on me?
I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to God!
I'll pray in the name of God;
I'll complete what I promised God I'd do,
and I'll do it together with his people.
When they arrive at the gates of death,
God welcomes those who love him.
Oh, God, here I am, your servant,
your faithful servant: set me free for your service!
I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice
and pray in the name of God.
I'll complete what I promised God I'd do,
and I'll do it in company with his people,
In the place of worship, in God's house,
in Jerusalem, God's city.
Hallelujah!