



Week Two.

H.O.S.T. GUIDE

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A STORY TO SHARE

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Meeting Agenda

Welcome (10 minutes)

Take Attendance on sheet provided in H.O.S.T. kit. If you are an established group, you can continue to take attendance via the attendance reminder email.

If your group has not yet registered, please be sure to collect T-shirt sizes for everyone in your group and register here.

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Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

Take a few minutes to have each group member answer the following question:
What is one important skill everyone should master?

Introduction (5-10 minutes)

Please take the next few minutes to read the introduction and answer the starter questions found on page 10 of your Participant Guide.

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Into the Word (25 minutes)

Read through the Scripture passages and answer the questions on pages 11 and 12 of your Participant Guide.

For additional insight, refer to

Into the Word H.O.S.T. Guidance

on pages 4-7 of the Week Two H.O.S.T. Guide.

Application (25 minutes)

As a group, read and discuss the application questions on page 13 of the Participant Guide.

Closing (10 minutes)

Close out your time together by reading the Closing Prayer.

Take a picture of your group with the caption “Better Together” and post it in your campus Facebook group. Your photo might be selected for an upcoming video.

Challenge your group to commit to pray the morning and evening prayer and journal a response each day this week. The prayers and journal space can be found on pages 15 and 16 of the Participant Guide.

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**READ ACTS 7:48-50, 58
AND ACTS 17:22-25**

In Acts 7, Stephen preaches a powerful sermon and we are introduced to a man named Saul who later becomes Paul. Can you identify the similar words in Acts 17? Did you see Stephen's very words repeated by Paul years later? Stephen's story had such an impact!

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The similar words we find are "The Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands" which Stephen said and "Lord of heaven and earth does not live in temples made by human hands" spoken by Paul. We can't know how Stephen's words and his death as a martyr truly impacted Saul, but we do know he meets Jesus, is changed dramatically and goes on to write at least 13 books of the New Testament, which has in turn impacted each one of our lives. The words we say today could have eternal significance; they could be the reason someone asks deep questions or even rethinks what they believe. The ripple effect of our words and loving actions endures for generations.

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**2 READ JOHN 1:35-42,
MARK 2:2-5 AND MARK 8:22**

Why is it that people who have met Jesus often bring their friends and family to meet Jesus? Have you ever done the same by sharing your story of meeting Jesus with a friend or family member?

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In John, Andrew meets Jesus then finds his brother Peter and brings him to Jesus. In Mark 2, a paralytic's friends bring him to Jesus and eventually lower him through the roof. In Mark 8, others bring a blind man and beg Jesus to touch him. We have been rescued! Meeting Jesus fills us with hope and, because we love our family and friends, we want to share that hope. Telling others about Jesus or praying for them (*bringing them to Jesus in prayer*) is a spontaneous overflow of our own grateful hearts. The best thing that could ever happen to someone is for them to know Jesus!

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READ ALOUD

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

What does this passage say relative to a believer's story? How is this different from the way the world defines a success story?

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A believer's story is that they have met Jesus, that they can say they know God and have experienced His steadfast love. Reference John 17:3 *"This is eternal life that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."* It's amazing to think that God desires a personal relationship with each of us. It's reassuring to know our relationship with Jesus doesn't depend on our own wisdom, strength or riches. The world's idea of success is often related to an individual's level of education, status, influence, power or wealth.

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**READ PHILIPPIANS 3:20
AND HEBREWS 12:1-2**

How do these verses mentioning heaven, citizenship and a cloud of witnesses influence our story of faith and help us find hope?

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In God's grand story, through hundreds of years, He has used his Church to change history, bring salvation and restore hope. Countless heroes of the faith have gone before us and we will leave a legacy to those after us. We can develop an eternal perspective as a way of seeing our lives as part of God's redemptive story. Everyone is destined for eternity; we are better together when we remind one another of this truth.

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