

TLC Home Group Expectations

- **Please start and end on time.** If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
 - **Allow silence.** Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
 - **When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him.** Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).
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YOUR STORY

1 Peter 3:13-17

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

What's your experience with telling your Jesus story? Our Jesus story involves life before Jesus, how Jesus called us and our responding, as well as our current life with Him. Our Jesus story is more than just relaying the facts of Jesus (which are important) but more about our personal experience with Him.

Who has God been nudging you to tell your story to, someone who may not know Jesus?

Our stories aren't just for those who don't know Jesus.

- How are you with sharing your story within this group? You might not share your entire story in one moment—but over weeks, months, or years—but are you willing to let other people into your story? Why is this important for you and others?

- Talk about your willingness to ask others to share their story. How often are you intentionally connecting with others and asking them to share about their journey with Jesus? Why is this important for you and others?
- No matter what you think of your story or when and how you began a relationship with Jesus, your story is a huge deal! Why?

Through prayer, praise God for the indescribable gift of Jesus, your salvation, and specifics around your experiences with sharing your story.