



THE GOD I WISH YOU KNEW: "Your origin story"

Getting Started

Take a moment to tell the group your origin story. Include the following details.

Where you were born?

Where you grew up?

What sports did you play / activities you were involved in?

What was a major accomplishment?

When was a time you got in trouble?

If you could go back what is something you would have changed?

What is something that you would not have changed?

Going Deeper

Our Origin Story

Take a moment to read [*Ephesians 2:1-3*](#).

Talk about the following characteristics of what we were like before we met Jesus.

1) We were dead

The word dead in these verses talks about being spiritually dead not physically dead.

What does it mean to you when you hear the phrase "You were dead in your sins?"

How was that line true of you?

2) We followed the ways of the world

Take a moment to list out the ways that our world tries to drag us away from God

3) We were deserving of wrath

This phrase is speaking of the wrath of God. As sinners we are deserving of his wrath because he's perfect and we are not. How does following the ways of the world lead to facing the wrath of people around us?

The next verses show us how God changes our origin story.

Read [Ephesians 2:4-9](#). What words or phrases jump out at you regarding the way God changes our story

How has God changed your origin story? What has he done in your life to get you out of the patterns and punishment of this world in order to bring good to your life?

Take a moment read [Ephesians 2:10](#). How have you seen the truth of this verse lived out in your life or the lives of others?

What good works do you feel like God has called you to?

Take a moment before you leave tonight to pray as a group that we would pay more attention to what God is calling us to do.

