



## Tell it Well: Discover | August 2, 2017

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

We all have a story to tell. Each of us has a unique part that fits into God's bigger story. And the best part is that we have been invited to be coauthors in his story.

#### Key Verse

##### 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (MSG)

*Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are—face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.*

### Discussion

We all enjoy a good story. Whether the story is steeped in fantasy or reality, a good one tells us something about ourselves and the world we live in. When we hear others' stories and unveil our own, we begin to grasp the uniqueness and meaning of everyone's story.

1. What is your favorite story? What did it teach you, if anything?
2. What are some characteristics of a good story? Do you see any of these characteristics in your own life?

In her book, *Tell it Well*, Jennifer Spoelma discusses the process and importance of discovering our own story in our faith life. There are three pieces to this process: discovering, owning, and sharing. When we discover, own, and share our stories it provides us and others with a clearer picture of what God is doing in our lives.

3. What is something you have discovered about yourself that provides a better insight into your story?
4. What are some things that you can do discover more about God's greater story for your life?

One of the essential parts of a good story is establishing and understanding a character's wants and needs. Our own stories are much the same. In order to understand where God is leading us, we need to understand who we are, what our wants and needs are, and what some of the obstacles are that might be in our way. In order to discover our story, it is essential to understand that God calls us to be coauthors and that not all parts of our story will be pretty and easy. When we engage God in this process, we have the opportunity to experience greater meaning.

5. What are some of the things you want in life? How is God using those wants in your story?
6. What are some ways you can be a better coauthor with God?

### What's Next?

As you try to better discover the story God has for you in the next week, draw out a timeline and map the ups and downs. Step back and look at it. Where has God shown up? Where do you need to ask him to show up? What story is he trying to tell through you?

Work this week to see where God wants to meet you in your story to write it together.