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The Central Valley  
Small Group Conference

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*the STORY*

*in US*

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*Group Project!*



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# STORY WRITING RULES

- ✓ Pick 1 of 3 and complete the ending
- ✓ Use first impulses
- ✓ Be creative
- ✓ Don't over think or spiritualize it
- ✓ Include everyone... and have FUN!



*Story Time...*

*with You*



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*Which story did  
you pick? Why?*

*STORY stimulates us!*

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What if we came to see  
*our lives* as a story?



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*"So, what's  
your story?"*

*Do we know the stories of  
the people in our group?*

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*Sharing Life  
& Truth!*



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*Share where and how  
the scriptures  
intersected our lives.*

# Mark 1:16-18 (NIV)



<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> **“Come, follow me,”** Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

# Mark 3:13-14 (NIV)



<sup>13</sup> Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. <sup>14</sup> He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—**that they might be with him** and that he might send them out to preach

# Mark 10:1 (NIV)



10 Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and **as was his custom, he taught them.**

**NOT ALL ABOUT US...**

*"We are characters in  
a much bigger story!"*



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**NOT ALL ABOUT US...**

*Write Redemptive  
Or Destructive!*



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NOT ALL ABOUT US...



*Joseph*

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NOT ALL ABOUT US...



*Moses*

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NOT ALL ABOUT US...



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*David*

**NOT ALL ABOUT US...**



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*Paul*



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*Story has power!*

# CHALLENGE!



*Embrace Your Story,  
know Your Group's,  
and **JOIN GOD's!***

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