



Discovering Godspace  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
'The Place Of Stories'



## Overview

*We're in week two of 'Discovering Godspace'. From the Welsh revival story we now move towards our stories. Why should we tell them? How might those stories influence others? How can we use our stories in non-church contexts? This is the trajectory for tonight.*



### Getting to Know You

- Last week the 'Prayer' section of this SBS said: ***Pray for yourselves using the 4 points as a guide. Then pray for the non church folk you connect with, for the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities for spiritual conversations this week.*** Is there anything you can share resulting from that prayer and/or your discussion last week?
- Watch the 11 minute video of Pastors Steve & Rachel <https://vimeo.com/209852775>



### Digging Deeper

- "We're not really a 'campfire' culture"; "We've lost the art of storytelling including the confidence and attention spans that go with it"; "We don't listen well". Do you agree or disagree with these statements?
  - Where do you see storytelling in society? Is it done well? By lots of people?
  - Do you tell personal, God-stories much? If so, in what contexts? What have you learnt about it?
- [If logistics allow, each person find a space on your own.] Take 5-10 minutes to identify and write down your answers to the following; then come back and share your answers with the group
  - Of all the experiences and important moments in your life, which of these speaks most powerfully of God?
  - Which story from your life might speak most powerfully to non Christians? / Work colleagues? / Neighbours?
  - Which story from your life might speak most powerfully to your wider family or your church family? Why is this also important?



### Taking it home

- How can we share our God-stories in non church contexts? Think creatively. Could they be in written or spoken form? Are there events in the course of the year where you get to say something briefly to a group? Could it be over coffee with a non-church friend? On Facebook? (if your FB friends aren't Christians). Other? Help each other think through possible ways.
- Who is there amongst your non church friends or colleagues who you could take time to listen to? (Eg. "I'd love to hear your story. Do you want to do coffee some time?")



### Prayer

Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you opportunities to share God stories and to honour others with the gift of listening in the coming week. Pray also that God will build our confidence as story tellers and listeners.