

My Story Movement and Events

What kind of legacy will you leave on your school campus? What will you be known for 10, 20, or 30 years from now? Students are often referred to as the “next” generation who are preparing to make a difference in the future. Students have a tremendous opportunity to make an impact now that will affect people’s lives for eternity. We refer to it as The CAUSE: the greatest cause on the planet – knowing Christ and making Him known.

How do we do this on a school campus? It needs a movement of Christians who want to leave a legacy. It is a movement powered by prayer and built on faith stories. The My Story Moment starts with by a group of students committing to pray on a regular basis for students and staff. At the same time, they are intentional in their relationship with other students, hearing their stories and showing they care. These relationships will eventually lead to Gospel conversations, opening the door to share personal testimonies of faith (My Story) and ultimately God’s story.

People who choose to be My Story Moment makers are living for more than trophies, good grades, and college scholarships, they are Livin’ The CAUSE. Following are key steps in a yearlong strategy of Gospel conversations – and the impact they can have on a high school or middle school campus.

1. PEOPLE: My Story Movement Makers

- Start: It starts with a few people who have a strong conviction to make a difference on their campus
- Gather: Begin with a small group of student leaders who demonstrate a desire to make a difference for Christ that have influence in different areas of the campus.
 - Athletic Teams
 - Clubs
 - Campus Ministries
- Pray: The core group commits to gather together to pray and ask God for His vision for their campus
- Determine: Key leaders committed to leading a My Story movement on campus

Recommendation

- Attend the Dare 2 Share Conference

2. PRAYER: Foundational work throughout the year

“Prayer doesn’t prepare you for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.” – Oswald Chambers

As a Team

- Leaders invite people in their sphere of Christian friends, teammates, and acquaintances to pray together on a regular basis
- Ideas for group prayer:

See you at the pole
Before school prayer gatherings
Pray through the year books and team rosters
Prayer-walk through school hallways
Prayer triplets (three-person groups committed to praying together regularly)

Individually

- Develop a FAV(omite) 5 List or an Operation Andrew top 10 list of fellow students who don't enjoy a personal relationship with Christ and pray for them daily

3. PURSUE: Building relationships with non-believers

Individually

- Be intentional in connecting with people
- Invite people from your list to lunch or an event
- Listen to their story

4. PERSUADE: Gospel Conversations

Individually

- Be ready to clearly and concisely articulate the Gospel
- Be ready to tell your faith story
- Look for natural opportunities to share your story and God's story: the Gospel

Tools

- www.MyStoryTracts.com
- Gospel outline and explained: www.GospelJourney.com
- Other tools and ideas: <http://share6campaign.com/>
- Salt- creating a thirst videos intro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0ol0cQbjkc>
- Salt Videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaVAaXFpVvE&list=PLn3K2gZDZ7h-ieKP9PMKDFIVh_l8l5PGk
- Propaganda's Life in 6 words video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ymfh6RJezQ4>

5. PLAN: To make a difference – The My Story Event
"If you fail to plan you will plan to fail."

As a Team

- Plan a My Story Event (details follow)

My Story Events

The My Story event is the culmination of students Livin' The CAUSE on their campus, praying, building relationships, and engaging in Gospel conversations. This is a student-led event centered on personal testimonies of lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Students connect with the audience by sharing their testimonies along with other supportive elements like music, comedy, professional athletes, drama, and other creative methods.

This event is driven by students but benefits from adult advisors who share their vision and passion and are able to support the organization and financial needs of the event.

- 6. PARTNERSHIPS:** Establish supportive partnerships for the event
 - Three months before the event, talk with:
 - You home church pastor
 - Youth group leaders
 - Parents active in ministry
 - Campus ministry leaders
 - Request financial sponsorship from the local church, Christian organization, or business owner
 - Recruit an adult leader to help give order and oversight to the student-led event and who can assist with arranging supportive elements for the event
 - Get permission and approval by the school to host the event
 - Communicate with your adult leader all the necessary paperwork that needs to be signed

- 7. PROMOTE:** Let people know about the event
 - Launch promotion 2-3 weeks before the event
 - Invite cards and personal invitations
 - Promo video
 - T-Shirts with event date, location, who, what, and why
 - Flyers and posters in school
 - Social networking

- 8. PRODUCTION:** Team to produce the event
 - Tech team
 - Stage Manager
 - Props/stage elements crew
 - Slides and video
 - Set up team
 - Greeters (students with t-shirts)
 - Photographer
 - Videographer
 - Text response system

9. PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

- Sound check
- Program rehearsal (two hours before the event)
- Special music
- Entertainment
- High Profile athletes/personalities (Not necessary, but helpful in promoting event)
- Three student testimonies
- Drama: i.e.: Life House skit
- Two Student emcees (recognizable students, one male and one female)
- Gospel presentation (key student and local ministry leader)
- Text response or commitment card

10. POST PROGRAM:

- Event gathering in home or neutral location to thank the Lord (Luke 17:12)
 - Prayer & praise

Follow-up with those who respond by calling each person

- Encourage and answer questions
- Invite to a Bible study or discipleship group
- Invite to church or youth group
- Offer to meet or one on one discipleship
- Offer informational materials to help people grow in their faith
- Recap Video