

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Just Walk Across the Room Chapter 3: The Concise Christian:
Vessel with the Pestle and the Brew that is True”

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, September 30, 2007

Read: John 9:18-27

Additional Reading for the Small Group Leader:

John 8:1-11, Luke 19:1-10

Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels: Chapter Six

Leader Hints: Try writing out your faith story to share with the group.

Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Bible story and why?

What is a faith story and why would it be helpful to have your story already prepared if asked? What makes a good story of faith interesting?

You can write your faith story in 100 words or less. Bill Hybels' faith story is 94 words: “There was a time in my life when I was absolutely certain that the only way to gain God's favor was to perform, achieve, and strive. But then I met the Son of God in a powerful way and learned that the only way to gain his favor is to accept his gift of grace. Almost immediately, it brought an overwhelming peace to my soul, an end to my useless striving, and a revolutionary change to my entire world. On the day when Christ met me, the geological plates of my soul permanently shifted.”

Hybels lists four criticisms of faith stories: Long-windedness, Fuzziness, Religionese, and Superiority. Which one are you most in danger of using?

THINK small.

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Homework: Share your faith story with the group next week and ask them to grade it according to the following criteria: Brevity (1 minute or less), Clarity (stuck to one key plot line), Simplicity (avoided “religionese”), Humility (story perceived as being told without haughty or pious attitude). Don't forget to share your story with Pastor Dan (aloha@fpchawaii.org).