

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

## Sermon Date

26 Sept 2021

## Bible Passages

1 Peter 3:13-16, various (see below)

## Theme & Introduction

This was the third of three sermons aimed at helping us talk more easily with other people about our faith. **If you haven't looked at the previous two studies, I suggest you do that before tackling this one.** This third sermon deals with how to move on from telling our stories to telling God's story.

Having copies of the printed sermon notes with you will help.

## Questions

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-16 again. How did you get on with creating one or more of your “less than 100” words stories that explain parts of your spiritual journey? Share some more now.  
Who can share something short on one of these issues:
  - How my faith helped me through a difficult time.
  - Why I started thinking about faith in the first place.
  - What convinced me that Jesus was the Son of God.
  - How my faith is relevant to my work.

*A challenge for the future:* Can you make it a regular part of your getting together that someone shares something like that? Can we become a church where it is normal and easy to talk about things God has done in our lives?
2. Think about your non-Christian friends and family. What deep issues of life really concern them? From your experience, how can the good news of Jesus speak into those issues?
3. Split into pairs and share out the following verses. After discussing in pairs, read the verse to the group and in your own words, explain to the group the good news that the verse gives. Isa. 53:5; Mark 10:45; John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:3-6; Titus 3:4-7; 1 John 4:10;
4. Can some of the group have a go at explaining the good news of Jesus – either in less than 60 seconds (yes, put a clock on it and stop them at one minute) or while holding a lighted match?
5. Look through the “Further Actions” list on p4 of this week's sermon notes. How can you encourage and help each other to do the things on the list?