

# One: Your Story

## It is our joy to welcome you to the InterVarsity family!

You have been a part of starting a movement of God on your campus and in a few weeks, you will take the important step of hosting a Launch Gathering. Over the next two sessions you will plan a launch gathering where you will invite your friends to hear about your InterVarsity community and hear the stories of how God is moving in and through you! This guide will step you through the process of preparing for your launch.

To any new believers in your group, welcome to the family of faith! We consider this a team effort. Welcome to the team! We believe that every believer is adopted into God's family and invited to be a witness and a host. This pattern of witnessing and starting new Encounter Groups will be at the heart of your community. Today, we would like to focus on the family of God.

(Refer to separate scripture sheet)

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Here we have story about a man that has been blind since birth (imagine the hardships that caused) who encounters Jesus. Jesus miraculously heals the man's sight, Y J K E J N G C F U V Q J K U Y Q T U J K R C P F H Q N N Q Y K P I Q H % J T K U V is. But the more people ask, and the more he explains, the more passion and clarity arises about Jesus. By the end of the chapter, he sees and worships Jesus fully. He is transformed as he tells his story. We hope this is true for all of us. We need to tell our story for our own good and our friends need to hear our stories!

### DISCUSS.

First, read the passage aloud. • This man has a series of very intense experiences in

## There are many kinds of faith stories

If you are a new believer, please tell the story of how you decided to follow Jesus. If you have been following Jesus for a while and have recently joined InterVarsity, tell a story of how Jesus has shaped you this semester. If you are the student planter(s), please tell the story of how Jesus lead you to plant this new campus.

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<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it

on the man's eyes.<sup>7</sup> p) Q q JG VQNF JKO pYCUJ KP VJG 2QQN QH 5K

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who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the

man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received

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