

# GROUP LIFE LEADERS

## 2X2 METHOD TO TELL YOUR STORY

Tell your story by spending 2-3 minutes describing each of these:

- **TWO IMPORTANT PEOPLE** who have made an impact in your spiritual life—past or present.
- **TWO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/PLACES** that have shaped your life.

### TIPS FOR TELLING YOUR STORY

- Sketch it out ahead of time. There is space on the next page. Come prepared and stick with your plan.
- Stay on track. Try to keep moving. Avoid rabbit trails or side stories that pop into your head.
- Only share what you are comfortable with but prayerfully consider being a little more vulnerable than you naturally would be. Trust your group.

### TIPS FOR LISTENING

- Don't interrupt. Listen well.
- Keep each story confidential.
- Don't "story-steal." Don't interject your own stories into others.
- Ask questions, but wait until they are done sharing to ask.
- Affirm the person when they are done. Share what you love about their story or what you learned about them.

When someone finishes their story, pray a prayer of blessing over them. It might be like this:

God, thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. It is amazing to see how you have worked in their life. Thank you for bringing them to our group. May you bless them and draw them closer to you.

## SKETCHING OUT YOUR STORY

PEOPLE who have made an impact in your spiritual life—past or present.

1.

2.

EVENTS/PLACES that have shaped your life spiritually.

1.

2.

## REACH OUT TO STAFF CONTACT

We hope you find these tips helpful in telling your story. Please contact your staff for more specific tips for your group. They are there to help and eager to assist you.