

My Story with God

First Third

20 Min *How are you? Welcome, Introduction, Getting to know each other*

10 Min **The “big vision”**

? Let's begin with an exciting question: **“What would this country be like if everyone loved and obeyed God?”**

Unfortunately this is far from reality and it seems totally impossible. But with the power of the Holy Spirit, God can use us to reach many spiritually lost people. The purpose of Reboot is to equip you for this task.

The reboot training concept

Everyone has already experienced how a computer gets bogged down, slows to a crawl, or freezes up completely. It is busy with something but it stops doing what it was designed to do! When that happens, we need to reboot it so it can start fresh and we can be productive again. In a similar way, as believers we might get busy doing “good” things, yet we fail to produce anything of eternal value. We must reboot and start fresh – then we can be useful to God and bear fruit for Him.

Reboot is a course for making disciple which takes us back to the very beginning of the church. We use the book of Acts to rediscover the life of the first disciples of Jesus and learn from them. This is more than a program, it's a lifestyle training to help you work together with God better in building His kingdom and become the fruit-bearing disciple Jesus wants you to be!

Second Third

15 Min *Worship*

25 Min *New lesson: Now give each participant a copy of this worksheet.*

Three most important commands

Jesus gave many commands, but three are very significant. We commonly call them the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Love God (Matthew 22:37)

We show our love through heartfelt *obedience*:

John 15:10: _____

God created us for a relationship of love. To grow in our relationship with God we need to do what He wants.

Love people (Matthew 22:39)

Love is not words or feelings, but actions. We will be more successful in this if we support each other and are honest with each other.

Make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

God wants all people to be reconciled to Him. He sends us out to proclaim the message, lead people to faith in Jesus, and teach them to obey what Jesus teaches – including this command! When disciples go make disciples who make disciples... the Kingdom of God grows by *multiplication*.

In our lives as followers of Jesus, it is important that we maintain a good balance and follow all three commandments equally. The Reboot Training is therefore structured in such a way that we pay equal attention to each of these three commandments at every meeting.

Sharing My Story With God

Christian insider term: "Sharing your testimony"

Why?

- nobody can deny your personal experience
- shows how great God is
- perfect for making people interested → bridge for sharing the gospel afterwards

How?

- short + simple (300 words / 3 minutes max; 1-2 minutes is even better)
- doesn't need to contain all aspects of your spiritual journey
- speak understandably: Do others understand what I say? (no religious vocabulary)

Outline:

1. **Before...**
explain a negative aspect of your life
2. **How God changed your life...**
how you made a decision / your life changed
3. **After...**
explain a positive aspect of your life where God has changed you (in comparison to before)

before		now
many relationships	→	happy as single
guilt	→	forgiven
many quarrels (in family...)	→	peace
ignoring / hating people	→	love for people
bondage	→	freedom
fear of death	→	safe in God's hands
weakness, worthlessness	→	self-esteem through God
depression	→	hope
socially difficult	→	Team player
Arrogant	→	eager to learn
fear of being caught	→	clear conscience

Examples for positive and negative aspects

Third Third

25 Min *Practice: Write down your personal story with God. Afterwards go into groups of two and take turns telling each other your story, giving feedback and improving.*

15 Min *Setting personal goals*

Your people list

Our first task is to reach out to those closest to us. Make a list of all the people you know starting with your family, friends, and acquaintances. Please bring this list to every meeting. Start praying for everybody on this list!

- On your list, mark those you know are followers of Jesus. Which of them would be interested in a discipleship training?
- Who can you share your story with?

My personal goals until next time:



Use your people list, pray and set your personal goals:

- ☐ I will practice ___ times to tell my story with God
- ☐ I will train _____ just as I have been trained
- ☐ I will pray for the people on my list every day
- ☐ I will study Acts 1-4 and write down what God is teaching me (using the *Acts Worksheet*)

10 Min *Pray for each other*