



SHIFT EASTER "God is for you"

Connect:

- Take some time to talk about your week.
- Take some time to talk about your experience at the Easter service, and possibly the experience of someone else that you invited or brought to Shift Easter.

Grow:

- What stuck out the most to you from this weekend's message?
- We are going to do something a little different this week. We want you to spend the majority of your time sharing your God stories.
- Before you start to share your stories, read through the following steps and corresponding verses. If you have been through the Shift Growth Track this will look familiar. It's how we talk about becoming Christians:
 1. *Realizing* that God has not been first place in your life, and ask him to forgive your sins. (1 John 1:9)
 2. *Believing* that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose from the dead and is alive today. (Romans 10:9-10, Acts 4:12 1 Thessalonians 4:14)
 3. *Accepting* God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it. (Ephesians 2:8-9) * Our relationship with God is not restored by anything we do, but solely on the basis of what Jesus did for us!
 4. *Inviting* Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the Lord of your life. (John 1:12-13, Revelation 3:20)
- Take turns sharing your stories. Which of these steps was the most difficult for you? Which step was the most freeing? If you haven't started a personal relationship with God, what step is keeping you from doing so?
- Do you share your story with the people around you? (family, friends, co-workers, etc)
- Stories are powerful. Stories help people connect. You don't need to have multiple Bible verses memorized to be an effective witness for Jesus. You simply need to share your story! The most effective witness for Jesus is the evidence of a changed life.
- If you have time left, practice refining your God story with your group. Work to get it to around a couple of minutes. This will give you the confidence to quickly and effectively share your

story with someone, the next time the opportunity arises.

Go:

- If you haven't started a relationship with Jesus, talk to your group leader and make the decision tonight. God is for you, and He proved it by loving you so much that He sent his son Jesus Christ to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves.
- Since God is for us and for Gainesville, show up next weekend and find out how Shift Church is #ForGainesville!