***Listening to Their Story…Sharing Your Story and God’s Story***

**Listen for the Longings in Their Story…**

Here’s a “Top Ten List” that describes what the lost are looking for from us as Christians...

10. I don’t care how much you know until I know how much you care.

9. Have compassion on me. Don’t condemn me because my life’s a mess.

 8. Ask “permission” to tell me about God, don’t just push Him on me. Talk *with* me, not *at* me. Listen to

 me. Find out about my world before you expect me to be interested in yours.

7. Use words I can understand.

6. Have a sense of humor! I want Christianity that can be enjoyed, not endured.

1. Don’t focus on your church. Labels don’t mean much to me. I’m looking for people who live like they really love God. Chances are I’ve been burnt or bored in church situations in the past.

4. Don’t just tell me about your faith, show me your faith by serving others in love.

3. Take your time. Don’t tell me everything at once. Give me time to let God work in my life.

2. Tell me how God can make a difference in my daily life, not just at church on Sunday. If I’m going to

 be a Christian, I want it to work in real life.

1. Make Jesus real to me. Show me simply how to know Him from His Word, and chances are I’ll want

 to know Him, too. After all, I really do want to go to Heaven.

***Share Your Story…and God’s Story***

Before I met Jesus, my life was….

I realized I needed Jesus when…..

I committed my life to Jesus by….

Since I met Jesus my life is…..

You can know Jesus, too, by…..