

The Story

Birth of the Church

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of April 19, 2009

Read chapter 29 of the “The Story.” Then discuss the following questions:

- 1. Have you experienced a birth before? Have you been present in a delivery room? Describe the experience and how it affected you.**
- 2. What other figurative “births” have you witnessed or participated in? (Starting a business, beginning a campaign, building a house, planting a garden...)**
- 3. In many ways, the Church began on the day of Pentecost. After reading Peter’s sermon from that day, why do you think it was so effective?**
- 4. Why did the Jewish religious leaders dislike the early Christians?**
- 5. What examples of Christian love and fellowship do you see in this chapter?**
- 6. What factors helped the Good News of Jesus Christ to spread quickly?**
- 7. How were the early Christians able to remain faithful even in the midst of extremely difficult circumstances?**
- 8. What practical steps can you take to increase your faith?**
- 9. How do you explain the drastic change in Saul’s (Paul’s) life?**