

Week 3

Chapter 5 pp. 52-61, optional

Assignment:

Read Chapter 6 (pp. 65-74)

Telling the Congregation's Stories

Public stories

Private stories

"A time for hearing the difference between helpful facts and hurtful fictions...." (p. 69)

"Celebrate your successes and learn from your failures" (p.70)

Dealing with Grief

Former pastor boundaries

Grief and anger

Celebrating Our Strengths

Look at what's good and face the truth of what's not-so-good

Questions:

1. Are there stories in your church that you wouldn't tell a new member? Why not?
2. If there is conflict in your church, what is one positive thing you could say about people who hold an opinion opposite yours? What is one positive thing they could say about you?
4. What excites you about your church?