

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

Your personal testimony is one of the most powerful tools you have for sharing the gospel.

“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” (Mark 5:19)

Definition: “An evangelistic testimony is a clear statement of your conversion so that an unbeliever can understand the Gospel and respond.”

10 Tips for Preparing Your Testimony

1. Try to write your testimony in the way you naturally speak.
2. Avoid Christian jargon. If you speak in “Christianese” or use theological terms, people may not understand you (E.G. lost, born-again, saved.)
3. If you choose to quote Scripture, only use a verse or two that relates to the main point of your story and doesn’t require explanation.
4. Avoid testimony envy. (There are only two kinds of testimonies: deliverance from sin, or preservation from sin. Both are equally important.)
5. Don’t be too graphic. (Make sure your story glorifies Jesus, not yourself.)
6. Don’t be too vague. (Your story is more relatable if you give poignant details rather than speaking in generalities.)
7. Make sure your testimony is distinctly Christian. Don’t leave out Jesus and the gospel, including the cross and resurrection.
8. Avoid talking about any church, denomination, or Christian group in a derogatory way.
9. Avoid giving the false impression that the Christian life is trouble-free.
10. Practice telling your story out loud until it flows naturally, and time yourself!

TESTIMONY WORKSHEET

(Fill in a few of the most important details in each section, and prepare your 3-minute testimony.)

Before I became a Christian

How I became a Christian

After I became a Christian