

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

A testimony is the story of how Jesus became your Lord and Savior. It is an account of how Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have radically changed your life. While everyone's story is different, there is one common denominator: you were dead in your sins and by God's grace through your faith in Jesus, you have been made alive and will live eternally united with Christ.

It is important to recognize that just because you may have grown up attending church, or had parents who were Christians, does not mean that you are a Christian. The only way you receives salvation is through trusting in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of your sins. This means that you recognize and repent of your sin, ask Jesus to forgive your sins and restore your relationship with God.

Here are a few things to consider when sharing your story:

THREE ASPECTS OF A TESTIMONY

1. Your life before Jesus
2. How Jesus saved you
3. How God is transforming you

HELPFUL QUESTIONS FOR SHARING YOUR STORY

1. When did you come to understand your sinfulness?
2. Have you trusted in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins? If so, when did that occur? (this doesn't have to be a specific date)
3. How has your life been impacted after you trusted in Jesus for your salvation?

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RESOURCES

[The Gospel Coalition: “6 Principles for Sharing Your Testimony”](#). This is a concise, gospel-centered guide for telling your story clearly and not overcomplicating it.

[Cru: “Preparing Your Personal Testimony.”](#) This resource gives a simple before / how / after framework and helps people keep their story to about 3–5 minutes.

[Kevin Halloran: “How to Write \(and Share\) Your Christian Testimony: 7 Tips.”](#) Helpful for making testimonies clear, concise, and understandable to non-Christians.

PRACTICE SHARING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP

- Have each person write out their salvation story and then shorten it to a 3-minute testimony.
- Practice sharing in pairs, or have one or two people share their testimony at the beginning of each group meeting over one semester.