

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY OF TRANSFORMATION

Use the guide below to reflect on and write down your experience of being changed by Jesus. Aim to be able to share your story in 3-5 minutes, so that you can easily share in the context of a group setting or conversation with a friend.

Two Templates for Sharing Your Story

1. Conversion Experience Story

- **You describe your life before Jesus.**
 - *What were you like?*
 - *What did you think?*
 - *What did you desire?*
 - *What did you do?*
 - *How did you feel?*
- **You describe how you came to believe in Jesus.**
 - *How did you come to believe in Jesus?*
 - *Describe what it looked like for you to repent of your sins and believe the Gospel.*
- **You describe how your life is now different.**
 - *What are you like?*
 - *What do you think?*
 - *What do you desire?*
 - *What do you do?*
 - *How do you feel?*

2. “God Moments” Story

- **Tell about a situation that was especially dark or difficult for you...**
 - *What were the circumstances?*
 - *Why were they dark or difficult?*
 - *What did you desire?*
 - *What did you do?*
 - *How did you feel?*
- **...And how faith in Jesus sustained you and/or grew you through that experience.**
 - *How did belief in Jesus sustain you?*
 - *How did you experience the presence or promises of Jesus?*

- *Did your circumstances change? If so, how did the power of Jesus contribute to this? If not, how did the promises of Jesus create contentment and peace for you?*
- *How are you stronger in your relationship with Jesus today because of this event?*

Tips for Evaluating Your Story

While preparing your story, regardless of what framework you use, you'll want to ask yourself the following evaluative questions:

- Does my story make Christ the hero?
- Does my story glorify a past life of sin, or decry it? *We never want to glorify a past of reckless or sinful living!*
- Does my story clearly communicate the gospel and how it has affected my own life?
- Does my story connect my life to the story of God: Creation — Fall — Redemption — Restoration?
- Is my story clear, compelling, and concise?

Answering these questions while preparing your testimony will help you focus on what's most important, ***so that when you share your story, people walk away having heard the Gospel and its impact on your life.***

Remember: the POINT of your story is GOD'S GLORY!

Share Your Story!

Once you've written your story, share it with someone! Start with a trusted friend, mentor, or Life Group Leader. Allow them to give you feedback so that you can share your story in the most compelling way so that the Gospel is clearly communicated.

If you're in a group, consider having one person share their story each time you meet until everyone has shared. This will deepen your bond with one another as you hear each other's stories, and will give you better perspective for how to care for and encourage one another in the faith.

PRAY

Spend time thanking God for the Gospel – for coming near to save us from our sins, for showing us mercy and grace, for inviting us to be a part of what He's doing in the world. Pray that the Spirit will keep this Gospel message on your heart and mind as you lead your life day by day, that you might live with gratitude for all Christ has done for you, and that you might live with

Gospel intentionality in everything you do so that others can come to know the Good News as well.