

Week 8

Have a look over the PowerPoint presentation from Sundays service, as a home group are you able to all share your testimony when you follow the guidelines set out by Trevor.

Depending on time, pray together for the Holy Spirit to guide you to opportunities to share your story over the coming weeks.

OUTREACH

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

OUTREACH

The most effective form of evangelism takes place in the context of loving relationships where people can see the changes that Jesus has, and continues to make in your life.

*Tell your
story*



1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone
who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect,



LOVE THEM LIKE JESUS WOULD

Colossians 4:5-6 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders;
make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation
be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may
know how to answer everyone.

WHY YOUR TESTIMONY/STORY MATTERS....



John 9

**Friends will be
interested in it.**

**Relating to it
is easy.**

**It's hard to argue
against your personal
experience!**

**OUR TESTIMONY SHOULD FORM PART OF A
TWO - WAY CONVERSATION....WITH FRIENDS,
FAMILY, COLLEAGUES, & EACH OTHER...**



***“I get your
point, may I
share
something
that
changed my
life?
You may find
it helpful...”***

Listening Loving Sharing

YOUR TESTIMONY / STORY SHOULD BE SHORT AND TO THE POINT...




How Long ? ?

30 - 60 Seconds...?

1- 3 Minuets...?

The goal is to share your story with an
emphasis upon the difference that having
Christ in your life has made...

CREATING YOUR TESTIMONY

Discovery  *What did I learn about Jesus that shaped my journey?*

Decision  *What did I do about what I discovered?*

Difference  *What impact has that decision made in my life?*

EXAMPLE

Discovery

“There was a time when I thought that I had really made it in life...

but I made some stupid mistakes and I felt completely alone, and had only myself to blame. I just didn't know what to do...

and then I met up with an old friend of mine and in discussion with him I discovered that through Jesus I could obtain God's forgiveness and experience His transforming power at work in my life”.

EXAMPLE - Cont:

Decision


*So, for the first time in my life, I knelt down and I asked God to forgive my sins, and there and then accepted Jesus as my saviour.” Later on, I joined a church where I made a public confession of my faith and was baptised. After that wonderful event I thought that the World would change. **But the World had not changed.....***

Difference

I had changed....

*I had a reason to live, I felt more of a peace within and more at peace about my situations. I changed spiritually, mentally and physically. Before, I had nothing to look forward to. After trusting in Jesus, I found a new energy and enthusiasm for life and now I want to live each day for Jesus. Now there's much more that I could say but the key thing to remember is that: **Jesus offers eternal life to anyone who will trust him, is that something you would like to look at?***

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THINGS THAT ARE HELPFUL TO REMEMBER...

Always Pray Ahead Of Your Discussion

Before you talk to a person about God, talk to God about that person.

**See Your Friends, Family and Colleagues
Through Jesus Eyes - Love them...**

Be Sensitive To The Holy Spirits Prompting