More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge
New Mexico State University
Study Series

PERSONAL TESTIMONY
What’s Jesus Doing In Your Life?

Introduction
• Read John 4:39-42. What were the results of the Samaritan woman telling about her interaction with Jesus? ________________________________

• How would you explain what a personal testimony is? __________________

• Try to list some good reasons for learning how to share your testimony?______

Biblical Examples
Read the passage and make note of the questions you may have, the examples to follow, or mistakes to avoid.
• Luke 8:38-39 ________________________________

• John 1:40-42 ________________________________

• John 18:15-18 ________________________________

• 2 Timothy 1:8, 11-12 ________________________________

• Revelation 12:11 ________________________________

Telling Your Story
The great thing about personal testimonies is that they are unique. If you know Jesus, he has made a difference in your life. Right? Your testimony is a highlight reel of what Jesus is doing to mold and shape you into his image. In the spaces below, list some of the highlights you can think of:
• Life Before Christ – Your Background
  What was life like? What were you searching for? How did you try to find satisfaction? What did you worry about? What did you think about Jesus?
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• How You Came To Know Christ – Your Conversion Experience
  What caused you to consider Jesus? What steps led to your decision to trust Christ? What people or problems influenced your decision?
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• Since Coming to Christ – Your Life in Christ
  How have your thoughts, attitudes, and emotions changed? How have your priorities changed? How has forgiveness affected you? What is Jesus doing today to refine you?
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Read Acts 22:3-21. Make note in Paul’s testimony of the three elements listed above. How did he describe his life before Christ, his conversion experience, and how Christ changed his life?
  • Paul’s life before Christ ____________________________________________
  
  • How Paul came to Christ ____________________________________________
  
  • How Christ changed Paul’s life ______________________________________

Some Good Pointers
  • Realize the power of your story.
  • Remember that faith comes from hearing the scripture (Romans 10:17).
  • Spend time in thoughtful preparation.
  • Keep it short and simple. Stick to the main point.
  • Be current with what Christ has done and is doing in your life.
  • Be honest. Don’t embellish.
  • Be ready for any opportunity to tell your story.
  • When speaking in public always stay within the allotted time frame.
  • Be able to clearly and concisely explain key points of the gospel such as sin separating us from God and eternal life (Isaiah 59:1-2), that Jesus paid the price for our sins (Romans 4:25), and how to receive eternal life through Jesus (Romans 10:9).

Some Things To Avoid
  • Avoid bad mouthing any church, organization, denomination, or religion.
• Avoid making a statement that might reflect negatively on any individual.
• Avoid using religious language. Don’t assume that others understand your ‘insider’ vocabulary. (Examples: born again, saved, lost, gospel, sin, repent, righteousness, conviction, went forward, justified, etc.)
• Avoid assuming that others know or understand anything about the Bible or Jesus.

Goals to Achieve
• Bring glory to God. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31
• Make your point plain and clear. Read Colossians 4:4
• Be ready always. Read Colossians 4:5-6

MEMORIZE: John 4:39