

Testimony Sharing Small Group Lesson

FOCUS

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being not confident, ten being very confident), how prepared do you feel to share your testimony with someone? Why?

STUDY

Read Revelation 12:7-12

1. What is God's plan for defeating Satan (v. 11)?
2. What does "the blood of the lamb mean?"
3. What is a testimony? What is powerful about a Christian's testimony?
4. Do you think Satan knows that Christian testimonies are a weapon? Explain.

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

5. Ephesians is a letter written to a church. Break down what Paul teaches about what is at the heart of every believer's salvation story:
- (v. 1-3) Who are we before Christ? Why do we need saving?
 - (v. 4-9) How are we saved?
 - (v. 10) What is your life like after faith in Christ?
6. Will these elements of the Christian transformation be a part of the story of someone saved at an early age of 6, or are they only for someone saved later in life? Explain.
 7. If someone was saved at a young age, what part of their testimony may they focus more on? Why do you say that?
 8. Even though the gospel is central to every believer's testimony, why can it still feel like you have nothing substantial to share? Explain.

Read Luke 15:1-10

9. What is the purpose of these two parables?

10. Who is rejoicing over your salvation? Does this celebration over the lost “thing” depend on how extravagant the missing time was?

11. What does heaven’s rejoicing teach you about how you should view your salvation testimony?

12. What steps can you take to grow your confidence in sharing the gospel?

APPLY

1. SALVATION TESTIMONY PRACTICE: Take a moment to jot down notes in the categories below about your salvation story. Remember, the gospel message is the center of your story, but you can choose how much you focus on who you were before Christ, how you met Christ, or what it looks like growing in your faith. When you are finished, take time to briefly share your story with your group.

- Who was I before Christ:

- How was I saved:

- How have I grown in my faith:

2. OTHER TESTIMONY PRACTICE: Your salvation story is not the only testimony the Lord has given you. Growth is a process and throughout your whole life you will have opportunities to rely on the Lord and see Him move in yours and others lives. Below is a list of topic ideas and starter sentences to help you organize your thoughts. These testimonies should be no longer than 3 minutes since most people's attention span is not too long when listening to others and they should always point others to the glory of God.

Topic Ideas: Anxiety Loneliness Miracles Grief Change
Pride/Humility Finances Love Addiction Obstacles Fear Sickness Doubt
Other: _____

- There was a time when...

- and then I....

- Now I...