

CRAFTING YOUR TESTIMONY

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Discern the important parts of your story and also the irrelevant bits (interesting to you, but too much unnecessary detail for your audience)

If from a non-Christian home...

- How were you before becoming a Christian?
- What was the turning point that brought you to trust in Jesus?
- How have you changed?

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People who grew up in Christian homes often feel their stories are “boring.” But your story can have a unique impact because of how the non-believing world view Christians. Consider how the non-believing world perceives Christians as you prepare.

- What was it like growing up in a Christian home? (Consider benefits, challenges, problems, etc.)
- What was your turning point? How did Jesus make a difference?
- How have you changed?
- Or you might have a before and after story as part of Jesus’ transforming work in your life as a Christian.

Tips for a good story

Think about what would be interesting

- Think about how you can use common perceptions about Christianity (e.g., rigid rules, judgmental, community, etc.)
- Include a specific example of what you were going through and how you felt
- Avoid using religious words. Use simple words that anyone can understand
- Tell about how you met Jesus and what he did for you
- Use an example about how you changed

Using your testimony in conversation

- What are the angles in your story that might engage interest?
- What experiences have you had where you have had to work out how faith worked?
- What kinds of questions might you get asked and how can you bring your faith into the answer in a way that engages a conversation? eg. what did you do on the weekend? how have you been going in the COVID lockdown?