

List people and opportunities for sharing the Gospel with your testimony. This is a prayer list, too!



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List some fellow workers to share the Gospel and

pray together with.

“But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

Questions and comments are welcome anytime this week, both during and outside the sessions.

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SESSION FOUR: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER!

Time-tune your testimony and write it this time as a bulleted list.

- “Do you have any beliefs or practices that guide you through tough times?”
- “I saw a beautiful sunset the other day. It made me reflect on where an appreciation for beauty came from.”
- “What’s something that has helped you grow as a person?”
- Share a favorite quote or proverb/wise saying. Ask for theirs.

TALKING TIPS

- Listen and don’t interrupt.
- Show interest by asking about their response to your question.
- Allow them to teach you something.
- Compliment their way of thinking, personality, etc.
- If something is crazy, I tend to say, “That’s interesting.”
- Wait for your moment, then take it to the Gospel.
- Make eye contact (depending on the person).
- Nod your head when you can agree.
- Learn their name by repeating it back to them.

SESSION ONE: CRAFTING YOUR TESTIMONY

WHAT IS A TESTIMONY?

- The word for testimony or witness in Scripture is the same word we get martyr.
- Testimonies are focused on the full Gospel.
- The personal portion is the “customized part” of the Gospel.

MY TESTIMONY OF JESUS INCLUDES:

- The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Jesus died in my place.
- My identification with Jesus’ death and resurrection.
- Jesus’ blood is the only currency to pay my sin debt.
- I was one way before salvation. Now I’m new in Christ!
- I continue to grow in and through Jesus.

ROMANS 5:1-2

- “Justified” means to remove guilt or to make free. It is a pronouncement. It was an old accounting term referring to forgiving debt.
- Our testimony must include that we were enemies with God until, by faith through Jesus, He made peace between the Father and us.

SESSION THREE: INITIATING AND TRANSITIONING CONVERSATIONS

WHO IS GOOD AT SMALL TALK?

- Comment on the environment: Something about the weather or an interesting display in a store.
- Ask for a recommendation: If you're in a coffee shop or restaurant, ask for their favorite menu item.
- Give a compliment: A genuine compliment about something they're wearing or doing can be a great opener. (dog, hat, hairstyle, sports team)
- Share a common experience: If you're at an event, talk about the event itself or ask how they heard about it. You could also ask open-ended questions like "What do you think of this place?"
- Use humor: A simple joke or observation can break the ice and get people relaxed.
- Ask simple questions:
 - "Do you come here often?"
 - "What's something you're really passionate about?"
 - "If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be?"
 - "What's the most interesting thing you've learned recently?"

- When you share your testimony, have confidence, peace, and joy.
- We are equally needy before God, and God extends the offer of salvation to all types of people.
- We must call out on the name of the Lord!
- Include this in your testimony.
- Do you want to see God save souls?
 - They must believe the Gospel
 - To believe, they must hear the Gospel
 - To hear, someone must communicate the Gospel!
 - To communicate, someone must be sent to make disciples.
 - We have been commissioned!
 - Yet, we must be obedient!
- Faith is required for salvation. Faith comes from Scripture! Do not neglect the Word!

GOD'S WORK AND MY RESPONSE

- Emphasize God's work of grace (undeserved favor).
- We do no work in providing salvation!
- We must call out to God with a needy heart.
- We confess (agree with) the reality of Jesus.
- Calling out to God, confessing who Jesus is, and our need for Him, evidences our faith and repentance.
- Faith is the heart's agreement with the Person and Word of God when presented truthfully.

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- ## CRAFT YOUR TESTIMONY
- Write out your testimony in paragraph form below and continue onto the next page.
 - Include the full Gospel.
 - Make it persuasive without manipulation.
 - Ensure God is the hero of your story, not you.

- What should our prayer lists look like?
- They are focused on God's will and glory.
- This includes our obedience and righteousness.
- This concerns our brothers and sisters as well.
- We need to name the lost as we act.
- We need the family of God at their best, on the battlefield, making disciples.
- "On the battlefield" refers to Ephesians 6:10-20.
- "at their best" refers to both physical & spiritual health.
- This is about individuals, the local body, and the universal body.
- This necessitates the one-another commands, church discipline, and discipleship.
- All of these require a working, comprehensive understanding of Scripture.
- Among other items, we make supplication (asking for our needs) and intercession (asking for others' needs).

- He asks for boldness here twice and in other passages.
- This is how we ought to speak. It is not fitting to evangelize timidly or shamefully.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-11

- God gives us tasks beyond our ability so that we learn to rely on His ability.
- We must pray for God's ability for success in our lives.
- God can raise the dead! ... So, He has the power to help me accomplish His will.
- We must ask other believers to pray for our success in evangelism (specifically for boldness, opportunities, clarity, etc.).
- Then, when God saves souls, more believers have more to glorify and thank God for.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

- Notice the three groups mentioned to emphasize not skipping anyone within our Gospel focus.
- "that" (This results in)
- "We may lead" (the grammar shows that this will be so.)

JAMES 5:16-18

- There is an emphasis on living righteously.
- Righteousness with passion creates a mighty prayer warrior!

PERFECTING YOUR TESTIMONY

- This takes time and practice.
- Do not wait to share it! Share immediately!
- Remember the woman at the well (John 4).
- Share with believers and unbelievers.
- Get comfortable and passionate about sharing your testimony.
- You will need to explain more to some than others, but you should be able to share your testimony in different time lengths, from 30 seconds to 15 minutes.

SESSION TWO: PRAYING

EVANGELISTICALLY AND EFFECTIVELY

PRAYER IS NOT OPTIONAL

- Rom. 12:12b (ESV) “be constant in prayer”
- 1 Thess. 5:17 (ESV) “pray without ceasing”
- These are commands.
- We are focusing our attention on praying evangelistically in the most effective way.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

- Not just pray but continue faithfully in prayer.
- We need to be vigilant prayer warriors.
- As we pray, we also give thanks to God concerning our requests.
- We intercede for others for the opportunity for the Gospel to be effective in people’s hearts as they make disciples.

- As we pray and make disciples, we regard ourselves as prisoners of Jesus Christ.

- We pray for clarity and wisdom in sharing the Gospel.

- Everything we must do in evangelism should be a prayer request (dependence on God for success), and an intercession for our fellow workers in the Gospel.

- In evangelism, our conversations should be gracious in proportion, like seasoning with salt.

- This is all done for the purpose of “answering” each person.

- This response is typically a response in judgment of the situation, etc.
- A determination is made.
- Speaking with wisdom, efficiency, and grace help us to have more productive Gospel conversations.

PHILEMON 6

- The sharing of faith is assumed.
- Reminder: Salvation is only the beginning.
- Don’t pursue evangelism to the point of neglecting discipleship.

EPHESIANS 6:19-20

- Paul asks for intercession to increase his Gospel ministry.