

BECOMING: STEWARDS OF OUR TESTIMONY

I. What Is A Testimony?

A. A Story about change (John 2:1-10)

1. Just like water to wine, WE are a miracle
2. The world NEEDS to hear your story of how GOD changed your life
3. Your story is your story, it doesn't have to be "amazing" to be POWERFUL

B. Websters Definition:

1. a solemn declaration usually made orally by a witness under oath
2. firsthand authentication of a fact

C. Biblical Definition:

1. a proclamation. Presenting historical evidence attesting to God's unique person, position, and work.
2. It's telling the world what God has done in your life!

II. Why Is It Important to Share our Testimony?

Top 8 Reasons:

1. PEOPLE LOVE TO HEAR STORIES!
2. YOUR STORY IS UNIQUE AND OTHERS CAN'T REFUTE IT
3. DEMONSTRATES GOD'S POWER.
4. BRINGS GOD GLORY.
5. YOUR TESTIMONY (AND STRUGGLES) SHOWCASES THE LOVE AND GRACE OF GOD.
6. YOU BECOME A RESOURCE FOR OTHERS.
7. IT IS A WEAPON AGAINST THE ENEMY'S LIES
8. IT REMINDS **YOU** OF GOD'S POWER AND TRUTH

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III. How Do We Share Our Testimony?

A. With Honesty (John 9:25)

- A. Don't make stuff up to try and sound more "interesting!"
- B. Tell what you know and what happened. God's work in your life is enough!
- C. It's ok NOT to have all the answers!

B. With a Plan

3 Word Testimony

1. Pick 3 Words that Describe you.
 - a. One word that sums up who you were before meeting Jesus.
 - b. One word that tells how you came to know and follow Jesus.
 - c. One word that tells how trusting Christ has changed your life
2. Come up with 2-4 sentences to elaborate on those words
3. Weave the Gospel into your story (Sin, Cross, Redemption, Life)
4. Practice

Visit the Rockbridge Church Website and go to "Sermon Outlines" to download the 3 word testimony worksheet.
www.rockbridgechurch.net