Sharing Your Testimony

Know Your Before, During, and After

What Was Your Life Like Before You Encountered Jesus?

1. Think about each phase of your life. What was your faith like during childhood, during your adolescent years, and now? Jot down some key points for each of these three phases.

2. Would you say you had any encounters with God or answered prayers before your conversion? Describe them. How did these influence your understanding of God?

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   Make a list of the longings and desires that shaped your journey to Christ. What obvious needs did Jesus address? Was it a sense of emptiness, a desire for forgiveness and acceptance, the longing to know God, the need to find significance, or something else?

3. Who were the key people or groups who influenced you to follow Jesus? How did they help you move toward Jesus?

How Did You Meet Jesus?

1. What were the circumstances of your life at the time when your faith became real?

2. Can you identify a specific moment or period when you welcomed Jesus in? Where did that happen? Describe what you felt and experienced. If it happened over a longer period of time, maybe pick one or two key turning points and focus on them. If your conversion occurred early in your childhood, describe a time when you think your faith became your own, made sense, or came alive. Try to add some details to your explanation.

What Difference Has Following Jesus Made?

1. If you had to tell someone why you are a Christian, what would you say?

2. How did/does knowing Jesus address the longings, desires, and restlessness that you identified previously in your life? Is it just beginning to deal with these matters, or have they been completely transformed?

3. How have you been changed by God? These could be subtle or obvious changes.

Write Concisely and Conversationally

Use the space below to shape your notes above into a communicable story. Write no more than 100 words on each phase of your story (before, during, and after), so your total length is 300 words. This will be about three minutes long when spoken aloud.