

## Sharing Your Faith

How can you share your faith in Christ with others? This study will give you some tools so you can confidently reach out to your friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances with the message of the Gospel. The Gospel means “Good News” and an overflow of a love relationship with God is the desire to share the “Good News” that we’ve experienced with others.

The fact that you have personally come to know Jesus is powerful. This is your story. The apostle John writes in his first letter:

*That which was from the beginning, which we have \_\_\_\_\_, which we have \_\_\_\_\_ with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have \_\_\_\_\_ -- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.*

*1 John 1:1*

That first sentence in his letter tells us that he has experienced what he is talking about.

In another story John tells of a man that had been born blind and had been healed by Jesus. When being questioned by antagonistic Pharisees, he summed up his experience:

*He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. \_\_\_\_\_!"*

*John 9:25*

Knowing Christ, experiencing the forgiveness of sins, being born again----- these are dynamic experiences. You may not feel prepared to answer everyone’s questions but you can share the Good News that you have experienced. A good place to start is to think over and write down some of the pivotal steps in your journey. The outline on the next page “Your Personal Testimony” asks four simple questions. Jot down your responses to each question. Remember it’s your story.

Be ready to share with anyone about your relationship with Jesus and continue to study in order to help others find Christ.

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**Personal Testimony Outline**

**1. Who was I?**

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**2. What events that led up to my conversion experience?**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. How would I describe my conversion experience?**

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**4. What are some examples of the change it's made in me?**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Praying for the World He Loves

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me \_\_\_\_\_, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

*John 17:20-21*

Another good step to take is to pray for the specific people in your life that need to hear your story: friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members. Put their names in the circles on the following page and begin to pray faithfully for them. You will be amazed at how people you've been praying for will respond when you share.

Don't forget, this is spiritual warfare. Keep the full armor of God on (Ephesians 6:13-18) and be bold. The word of our testimony is mentioned as a powerful weapon in overcoming the enemy.

*They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb **and by the** \_\_\_\_\_; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*

*Revelation 12:11*

Some people will want to respond to your testimony by opening their hearts to Jesus. Go back to the first study "Coming to Christ" and go through it with them. Stay in close touch and see if they would like you to share the other studies in the "Foundations Series" with them. Invite them to your small group or to church, and continue to share this wonderful message.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8*

*Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.""*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

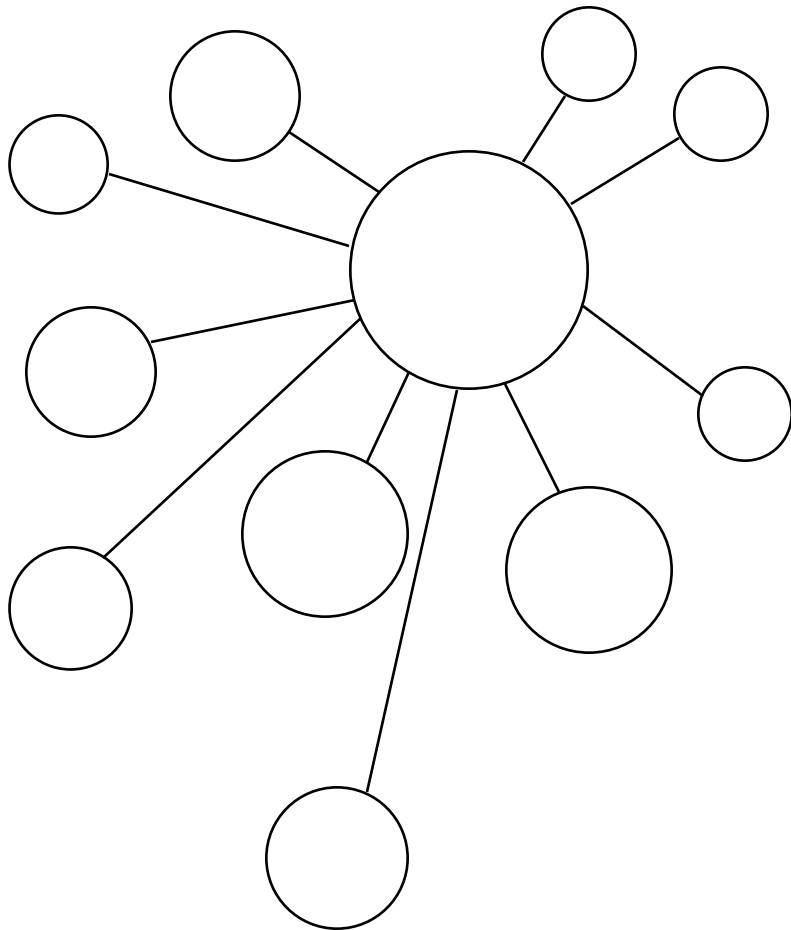
*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, .....*

*John 17:20*

*Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

*Hebrews 7:25*

Picture Jesus with you in the center circle and place the names of your friends, co-workers, neighbors and relatives in the other smaller circles. Keep this paper handy and use it regularly as a prayer reminder.



Keep studying and growing in your relationship with the Lord and always look for opportunities to share your faith in God's goodness and love with people who don't know Christ yet.

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of every opportunity.*

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

*Colossians 4:5-6*

**Memory Verse:**

*Always be prepared to give an answer to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ you to give the reason for the hope that you  
have.*

*1 Peter 3:15*