

Grace Church Stamford
Testimony Workshop
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Introduction: Vision and Poems

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10

What is a testimony?

1. Facts and truth

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 ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8

2. Living color

3. Role reversal

<< In groups – 2 minute testimony exercise >>

Going deeper – The task: what makes for a good story?

1. _____ personally
2. _____ gospel
3. _____ of God

Experiencing the process

1. Self-conscious preoccupation
2. Wrestling to recognize God and his kingdom
3. Love overflowing

Sample testimony #1

<< Discuss in groups >>

1. Was a connection made? How?
2. What was the problem? (sin)
3. What was the solution? (Jesus)
4. What led to the solution? (grace, forgiveness, hope, control, satisfaction/contentment, loneliness, identity, fear)
5. Was the gospel stated and integrated?

Sample testimony #2

1. What were the differences?
2. What did you learn about God?
3. Would a listener be able to become a Christian?
4. Discuss what ideas/changes you might make to your testimony.

Q & A

Prayer & Praise

- In prayer, praise God for the way he has worked in the people in your group. Do not pray for yourself but for someone else at the table (for simplicity, pray for the person on your right).