

How to:

Share Your Testimony

# Trainer's Guide

"...Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him."

Luke 8:38-39 ESV

## Steps for training others:

Tips

1

**Prepare** by practicing your testimony before your group meets. Bring any supplies you may need. You can print off the "How to Share Your Testimony" guide for each person to take notes on, along with some pens.

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**Notify** your group members that you will practice your testimonies together in advance. Encourage your group members to reflect on their testimonies personally before your meeting. Tell your group members that if they don't have a story like this, they can reach out to you for clarity and help.

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**Pray.** Begin the training with prayer. Ask God for clarity, confidence, and conviction for your group members to share their testimonies as a result of this training.

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**Explain** why we share our testimonies and the three components of a testimony. You can access this on the "How to Share Your Testimony" guide.

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**Demonstrate** by sharing your testimony with the group.

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**Practice** by splitting into pairs. Give about 20-30 minutes for this (or as much time as needed). Have each person share with their partner, receive feedback, and share again implementing the feedback they received.

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**Present.** Ask for a volunteer or two to share their testimonies with the group now that they have had time to practice!

- Plan for this activity to take ~60 minutes in your group from beginning to end.
- Not a group leader but still want to train someone in sharing their testimony? Feel free to adapt this training for a 1:1 environment!
- If there is someone in your group who is not a believer, try to pair them with yourself or another trusted person so you can answer questions they may have about their testimony. Avoid putting people like this on the spot to present.
- Approach this time prayerfully and with humility -- people in your group may be saved when they hear others' testimonies and realize they don't have one.
- If you lead a small group, consider starting each meeting with a testimony.

Access videos and resources online here:



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