



How to Prepare a Testimony

Here are some suggestions that may be helpful for you as you prepare for your testimony to share during your Sister Church Visit.

1. Follow a three-point outline.
 - i. Life before knowing him
 - ii. How you actually came to know Christ (be specific)
 - iii. Life after you trusted Christ (changes he has made, what he means to you now)
2. If you became a Christian as a small child, it may be helpful to share a time when you came to a point of surrender (rededication) in your life.

Your outline might look something like this:

- i. Your experience of becoming a Christian
 - ii. Your life before a special moment of surrender to Christ
 - iii. How you yielded your life to Christ
 - iv. Life after you yielded your life to Christ. Though this is not technically a salvation testimony, many people with religious backgrounds will identify with it. As they see the present reality of Christ in your life they will want this same reality and thus want Christ.
3. Write in such a way that others (regardless of culture, ethnicity, financial status, marital status, etc) will feel associated with you in past and present experiences.
4. Use at least one, at most two Scripture verses.
5. Emphasize the fact that the thing that made the difference in your life was accepting Christ as Savior and making him Lord of your life. Explain exactly how you received Christ. Note: A person who hears should be able to trust Christ as a result of hearing your testimony.
6. Remember, the same Christ lives in you whether you trusted him early or later in life. Do not be concerned that your testimony be exciting, just that it is interesting.
7. Be brief. Your testimony should be 3-5 minutes. No longer.
8. Be positive, not negative, from start to finish.

Caution: Avoid

1. Making statements that reflect negatively on the church and other organizations or people.
2. Making statements that belittle other denominations or churches.
3. Going into "gory" detail of your past sins.
4. Speaking in generalities or using words that are not clearly understood by all. (Idioms and clichés)