

Seed Sower #5

Pray: Ask the Lord to help you all to grasp the importance of testimony.

Read: 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Chronicles 16:8, 9

Homework: Read Testimony #1 & #2 (in Resources) and use the Testimony # 2 worksheet to right your testimony. You have a week to do it please have it memorised before the next Bible-Study

The story of how God became real to you is one of the easiest and most .effective ways of to witness for Jesus. Witnesses tell what they've seen and heard, therefore our stories must be God-centred, not self-centred. We're talking about a person who we are in love with and to whom we owe a great deal. Our story should declare strongly that God is alive; that He is interested in people and that He is able to penetrate their lives and assist them in a supernatural way. Discover the things God has done for you, which should be shared.

FIRST: 1 Peter 3:15

1. What does Peter say we must always be prepared to do?
2. How are we to deliver the message?
3. What is the truth we must share with every unbeliever the Lord puts in our path?

SECOND: 1 Chronicles 16:8, 9

4. Read 1 Chronicles 16:8, 9; what are two things we should talk about and make known to others?

The two things we should share with unbelievers are God's Deeds and, His wondrous works.

When sharing these two things in the power of the Holy Spirit we will find our "testimony" to be a very effective tool. Your story, carefully prepared and given in the power of the Holy Spirit, is a vital and powerful tool that no one can deny and can often communicate more effectively than any other form of witnessing.

There are actually two kinds of testimony- Thematic and Chronological. The thematic approach focuses on an experience, a problem, an issue or feeling that relates to the person you are talking to. For e.g. you may be talking to someone who has been experiencing trauma as a result of a near death experience or has a sleeping disorder—if God has healed you from the same or similar complaint share the story, it will produce faith and may even lead to opportunity to pray for them.

5. Something to do: Now would be a good time to ask if anyone has a personal story of how God met their financial need, or healed them or helped them in some other way (two or three people are enough)

Notebook: The thematic approach is the most appropriate for those saved as children, those who have little memory of events prior to conversion or those who can't remember the exact sequence of events in the conversion experience. Focus on a concern you once had and show how salvation has dealt with that concern. Your concern may be fear of death, an addiction, a quest for self-worth or happiness or success or it may be a character flaw or something else.

Conversation with the person may reveal a concern once evident in your life and of present concern to the other person. You may begin your testimony with –I have discovered how not to worry- I have found a purpose for living- I am so happy because.

Chronological testimony is the account of your relationship with Jesus from start up to the present time. In our next study we will take a closer look at the chronological testimony.

Pray together; ask the Lord to help you share with others the many testimonies you already have.

