



WITNESS / WORK

MY STORY

OK, so you are willing to be different and take a stand for Christ, but how do you do that? **IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3!**

1. It helps to have a clear handle on why being a Christian is a good thing. **How has it made you different or better?** If someone were to ask you, "Why should I become a Christian?" what would you say?

Make a list of the benefits of being a follower of Christ:

It's crucial to know what you believe and to be able to clearly communicate your faith in Christ. That doesn't have to be difficult, but it helps to have a plan.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14

2. It's important to be able to tell someone how you became a Christian. Telling your own "faith story" is sometimes called sharing your testimony.

Write your own faith story below. Try telling it in three parts:

- (1) What was your life like **BEFORE** you became a Christian?
- (2) Why did you decide to accept Christ as your Savior, and **HOW** did you do that? (Helpful hint: How did you hear about Christ? What did you hear about Christ? How did you respond?)
- (3) In what ways has your life changed **SINCE** you made that decision, and what difference does Jesus continue to make in your life?

Work from these questions, or, if you have very little life history before receiving Christ, you could take this simple approach to presenting your story: **why** you are a Christian, **how** you became one, and **what** difference it makes in your life.

Write a brief draft of your story for practice:



STRATEGIES FOR SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

- Set a reasonable goal and stick to it. For example, try to memorize just one or two verses per week.
- Be familiar with the larger passage, or context, in which the verse is found.
- Read the verse aloud several times with a lot of feeling.
- Don't just scan the verse. Read it intently, like you would a love letter.
- Memorize a phrase at a time. Add more as you learn it.
- Quote word-for-word to build confidence and accuracy.
- Repeat the reference (the address) of the passage before and after you say it.
- Meditate on the verse (think or chew on the meaning and consider how it applies to your life).
- Use the verse over time to help you commit it to memory.

3. You need to be able to **clearly present the Gospel**—the Good News about Jesus—and help a person understand how to start a relationship with Jesus.

We'll work on this more in the upcoming sessions. But as a starting place, take some time to read through the "Steps to Peace With God" witnessing tool that you were given. Start to learn those four simple steps. We'll practice using them later in the course. **For now, learn Step 1 and memorize two Bible verses** that go along with this step.

HERE THEY ARE:

STEP 1 God loves you and has a purpose for your life.

**STEPS TO PEACE
WITH
GOD**

Take time to memorize these two verses along with Step 1 of the presentation. Review these things daily throughout the week until they are set in your mind.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:10, NKJV: I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

