

25 TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

14. Sharing Your Testimony

- *Truth to Teach:* One of the best ways we can tell others about God's love for them is by sharing our own personal story of what Jesus has done in our lives. When we share our testimony, we share about our life before Christ, how we came to faith in Christ, and our life since we placed our faith in Christ. Every Christian has a testimony they can share.
- *Scriptures: Acts 26:9-23* How did Paul share about his life before Christ? (9-12)

How did Paul share how he came to faith in Christ? (13-15)

How did Jesus make Paul's life meaningful? (16-23)

- *Application:* Think about your own personal testimony. Write it down and read through it. Find three different people to share your personal story with this week.
- *Activities:* I'd like to share my personal testimony with you at this time. And then I would like some of you to share yours as well.
- *Practice:* You may want to write out your personal testimony. Keep these guidelines in mind.

Components of your personal testimony:

1. My life before receiving Christ. List 3 or 4 facts that describes your life before you became a Christian. Did you grow up in a religious or nonreligious home? Did you go to church? How did you realize that you were not a Christian?
2. How I received Jesus. List 3-4 facts that describe how you became a Christian. Did someone share the gospel with you? Was your conversion the result of a series of events?
3. How Jesus makes my life Meaningful. List 3 or 4 ways Jesus makes your life meaningful. Has He give you peace? Has He helped you in your relationships? Has He given your life purpose? Has He removed your fear of death? Etc...

Understanding the purpose of your testimony.

1. It proves the reality of Grace!
2. It plants seed in the hearts and minds of others.
3. It serves as the test of salvation for participants.