

Personal Testimony and Evangelism Methods Study Guide

Section 1: Crafting Your Personal Testimony

Key Points:

- Your testimony has power because no one can argue against your personal experience
- Structure your testimony with three parts: life before Christ, how you met Christ, life since receiving Christ
- Keep Christ as the hero of your story, not yourself

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks (KJV):

Revelation 12:11 - "And they _____ him by the _____ of the Lamb, and by the _____ of their _____; and they loved not their _____ unto the death."

Galatians 6:14 - "But God forbid that I should _____, save in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is _____ unto me, and I unto the _____."

Romans 10:13 - "For whosoever shall _____ upon the _____ of the Lord shall be _____."

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is a personal testimony often more effective than theological arguments when sharing the gospel?
2. How can someone with a "less dramatic" testimony still effectively share their story?

Application Questions:

1. How would you structure your own three-part testimony (before Christ, meeting Christ, life since Christ)?
2. What are some ways you can keep Christ as the hero rather than making yourself the focus of your testimony?
3. How can you share your testimony in a way that doesn't exploit or sensationalize past sin?

Section 2: Scripture Memorization and Conversational Evangelism

Key Points:

- Memorizing key salvation verses is essential for effective evangelism
- Learn to transition from secular to sacred topics in natural conversation
- Ask powerful questions that lead people to consider spiritual matters

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks (KJV):

John 3:16 - "For God so _____ the world, that he gave his only _____ Son, that whosoever _____ in him should not _____, but have everlasting _____."

Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by _____ are ye saved through _____; and that not of yourselves: it is the _____ of God: Not of _____, lest any man should _____."

Ephesians 4:29 - "Let no _____ communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of _____, that it may minister _____ unto the hearers."

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is scripture memorization so important for personal evangelism?
2. How can we transition from everyday conversations to spiritual topics without being pushy or awkward?

Application Questions:

1. Which salvation verses will you commit to memorizing first, and how will you practice using them naturally?
2. What are some practical ways you can move conversations from secular topics to spiritual matters?
3. How can you develop the skill of asking good questions that make people think about their spiritual condition?

Section 3: Practical Applications - Digital and Cross-Cultural Evangelism

Key Points:

- Use social media and digital platforms strategically to share the gospel
- Understand cultural values and worldviews when witnessing cross-culturally
- Be willing to adapt your approach while never compromising the gospel message

Scripture Fill-in-the-Blanks (KJV):

Mark 16:15 - "And he said unto them, _____ ye into all the _____, and _____ the gospel to every _____."

1 Corinthians 9:19-20 - "For though I be _____ from all men, yet have I made myself _____ unto all, that I might _____ the more. And unto the Jews I became as a _____, that I might gain the _____."

Romans 10:15 - "And how shall they preach, except they be _____? as it is written, How _____ are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of _____ things!"

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the opportunities and dangers of using social media for evangelism?
2. How can we adapt our evangelistic approach to different cultures without compromising the gospel?

Application Questions:

1. How could you use your current social media presence more effectively for gospel witness?
2. What cultural barriers might you need to understand and navigate when sharing the gospel in your community?
3. How can you balance being "all things to all people" while maintaining biblical integrity?

ANSWER KEY

Section 1 Scripture Answers:

Revelation 12:11 - overcame, blood, word, testimony, lives

Galatians 6:14 - glory, cross, crucified, world

Romans 10:13 - call, name, saved

Section 1 Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is a personal testimony often more effective than theological arguments when sharing the gospel?** *Sample answer: People can argue with doctrine or theology, but they cannot say with your personal experience. A testimony demonstrates the real-life impact of the gospel, making it relatable and authentic. Answers may vary.*
- 2. How can someone with a "less dramatic" testimony still effectively share their story?** *Sample answer: Every testimony has power because it demonstrates God's grace. Even those raised in Christian homes can share about recognizing their need for personal salvation and the ongoing transformation Christ brings. The focus should be on Christ's work, not the drama of the story. Answers may vary.*

Section 1 Application Questions:

- 1. How would you structure your own three-part testimony (before Christ, meeting Christ, life since Christ)?** *Sample answer: Before Christ: Describe your spiritual condition without exploiting sin details. Meeting Christ: Share the circumstances and your decision to trust Him. Life since Christ: Focus on the changes and ongoing relationship with Jesus, keeping Him as the hero. Answers may vary.*
- 2. What are some ways you can keep Christ as the hero rather than making yourself the focus of your testimony?** *Sample answer: Emphasize what Christ did rather than what you did. Focus on His grace, love, and power to save rather than your dramatic past or spiritual achievements. Point to His work on the cross and in your life. Answers may vary.*
- 3. How can you share your testimony in a way that doesn't exploit or sensationalize past sin?** *Sample answer: Be honest about your sinful condition without giving details that could be harmful or tempting to others. Focus on the solution (Christ) rather than dwelling on the problems (sin). Let people know sin was grave without making it the primary focus. Answers may vary.*

Section 2 Scripture Answers:

John 3:16 - loved, begotten, believeth, perish, life

Ephesians 2:8-9 - grace, faith, gift, works, boast

Ephesians 4:29 - corrupt, edifying, grace

Section 2 Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is scripture memorization so crucial for personal evangelism?** *Sample answer: Scripture has inherent power that our words don't have. Having verses memorized allows the Holy Spirit to bring them to mind at the right moments. It ensures that we share God's truth accurately, rather than relying on our own understanding. Answers may vary.*
- 2. How can we transition from everyday conversations to spiritual topics without being pushy or awkward?** *Sample answer: Look for natural bridges like saying "God bless you," asking about their background or beliefs, or relating current events to spiritual matters. Listen for opportunities they provide and respond with genuine care and questions. Answers may vary.*

Section 2 Application Questions:

- 1. Which salvation verses will you commit to memorizing first, and how will you practice using them naturally?** *Sample answer: Start with the Romans Road (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10, 10:13) and John 3:16. Practice by sharing with other believers first, then look for opportunities in everyday conversations. Review regularly and ask God for opportunities to use them. Answers may vary.*
- 2. What are some practical ways you can move conversations from secular topics to spiritual matters?** *Sample answer: Ask about their background, family traditions, what gives them hope, or how they handle difficulties. Comment on God's blessings in everyday situations. Share how your faith relates to current topics or challenges. Answers may vary.*
- 3. How can you develop the skill of asking good questions that make people think about their spiritual condition?** *Sample answer: Study Jesus' questions in the Gospels. Practice asking open-ended questions about meaning, purpose, and the concept of eternity. Listen carefully to their answers and ask follow-up questions. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity in conversations. Answers may vary.*

Section 3 Scripture Answers:

Mark 16:15 - Go, world, preach, creature

1 Corinthians 9:19-20 - free, servant, gain, Jew, Jews

Romans 10:15 - sent, beautiful, good

Section 3 Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are the opportunities and dangers of using social media for evangelism?**
Sample answer: Opportunities: Massive reach, ability to connect with people globally, creative content possibilities. Dangers can include a Lack of personal relationship, potential for misunderstanding, distractions from face-to-face ministry, and algorithm limitations. Both digital and personal evangelism are needed. Answers may vary.
- 2. How can we adapt our evangelistic approach to different cultures without compromising the gospel?**
Sample answer: Learn their worldview, language, and customs. Begin by establishing common ground and addressing their specific misconceptions about God. Adapt methods and illustrations while maintaining the core message of sin, salvation through Christ, and faith. Please show respect for their background while presenting the truth clearly. Answers may vary.

Section 3 Application Questions:

- 1. How could you use your current social media presence more effectively for gospel witness?**
Sample answer: Share testimonies, biblical content, and gospel-centered posts regularly. Create content that draws people in and leads to spiritual conversations. Use stories, questions, and relevant topics to bridge to the gospel. Be authentic and consistent in your witness. Answers may vary.
- 2. What cultural barriers might you need to understand and navigate when sharing the gospel in your community?**
Sample answer: Religious backgrounds (Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, secular worldviews), language barriers, different concepts of God, varying views of sin and morality, and past negative experiences with Christianity. Research and understand these differences to communicate more effectively. Answers may vary.
- 3. How can you balance being "all things to all people" while maintaining biblical integrity?**
Sample answer: Adapt methods, language, and cultural expressions while never changing the gospel message. Be willing to adjust your approach and lifestyle for the sake of others, but never compromise on sin, salvation, or biblical truth. Learn where to be flexible and where to stand firm. Answers may vary.

Remember: The goal is to be equipped with both the tools and heart for effective evangelism, always keeping Christ and His gospel central while adapting our methods to reach different people effectively.