

## Growth Track

### Module 1: What Do I Believe

#### Student's Notes

## Lesson Five - Testimony

### Key Takeaway

You can start sharing your story today!

### Introduction

1. Receiving salvation by believing that Jesus paid the price for all of our sins is the greatest life-changing event we will ever experience!
2. While becoming a child of God is a personal decision, it is also one that we proclaim publicly and share with those around us.
3. As Christians, we openly share with others about how we came to know the Lord and decided to give our lives to Him, in order to draw pre-believers to Christ and encourage fellow Christians.

*We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20*

## I. THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

**Every believer has a story.**

**Your story is powerful.**

*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1:16*

**Your story doesn't need to be long or complicated.**

1. Share with others what Jesus did for us on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

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2. Share with others what Jesus is currently doing:
  - In your life (1 John 1:7, 9)
  - Through your life
  - For your life (John 14:13-14)

## **II. EFFECTIVE TIPS TO SHARE YOUR STORY**

**Keep it concise**

**Show the “Before”**

**Show the “How”**

**Show the “After”**

### **Other practical tips**

1. Have a theme.
2. Point listeners to Christ – He is the one that made the difference.
3. Share your story with enthusiasm and excitement.

## **III. THE RESULTS OF YOUR TESTIMONY**

**God will be glorified.**

**Pre-believers will be pointed to Christ.**

**Our own faith and the faith of other believers will be strengthened.**

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#### **IV. HOW WE CAN BEGIN**

**Pen down your story by answering the following questions:**

1. Who were you before?
2. What happened?
3. Who are you now?

#### **Conclusion**

1. Sharing our story is not difficult or something we should be afraid of.
2. Being prepared will help us to be ready to share whenever we have the opportunity.
3. As we invite the Holy Spirit to help us, He will empower us, give us the courage and teach us what to say when we share our stories with others.