

LifeGroup Study

Animated: The Power of Baptism Testimonies & Sharing Your Faith

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERMON SUMMARY

This week over 40 people at Creekside declared their faith in Jesus through being baptized. Each one has a unique story of how God brought them to this point. The Holy Spirit uses our testimony of faith as a powerful tool to move others toward Jesus. For this week's study we'll explore why our story matters and how the Spirit empowers us as we share our faith.

KEY VERSE

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

SERMON NOTES

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1. Your Story Matters | Read: Acts 26:9-23. The Apostle Paul regularly shared his personal story of how Jesus transformed his life. What stands out to you about the way Paul shared his testimony? How does his example encourage you to share your own faith story?

2. Baptism as a Public Declaration | Read: Romans 6:3-11. Baptism publicly identifies us with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Why do you think public declarations of faith, such as baptism testimonies, can have such a powerful impact on both believers and non-believers?

3. The Power of Personal Witness | Read: John 4:28-30, 39-42. After meeting Jesus, the Samaritan woman simply told others what had happened to her. What can we learn from her example about sharing our faith, even if we don't feel like we know enough?

4. Always Be Ready | Read: 1 Peter 3:15. Peter tells believers to be prepared to give a reason for their hope. What are some opportunities you encounter in everyday life where you could naturally share your testimony or talk about your faith?

5. Empowered by the Holy Spirit | Read: Acts 1:8. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would empower His followers to be witnesses. What fears or obstacles sometimes keep you from sharing your faith, and how does this promise encourage you?

CHALLENGE

This week, take a few minutes to write out your testimony in three parts:

1. What was your life like before fully trusting Jesus?
2. How did you come to faith in Christ?
3. How has Jesus changed your life since then?

Pray for one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus, and ask God for an opportunity to share part of your story with them this week.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for saving us and giving us a story to tell. Help us to remember that our testimonies are not ultimately about us, but about your grace and faithfulness. Fill us with your Spirit and give us courage to share our faith with humility, love, and confidence. Use our stories to draw others to You. Amen.