

Living Out Our Faith

KEY VERSES

1 Peter 3:15b
Colossians 2:6-7

KEY THEMES

God commands the Church to go
God communicates to the Church

TEACHING NOTES

 **God commands the Church to go**

Model

Teach

Equip

Empower

INTRODUCTION

INNOCENCE

CONSCIENCE

HUMAN GOVT.

PROMISE

LAW

GRACE

📖 God communicates to the Church

The New Covenant

The Epistles

Colossians

The balance of being and doing

Lesson Objective:

To be challenged to play our part in God's work of evangelism

PERSONAL STUDY

Prepare your heart and mind

Begin by quieting yourself before God. Ask Him to help focus and guide you during this time with Him and His Word.

Read Acts 26

Paul knew the power of what Christ had done in his life. And he knew the power of his testimony. He shared it with passion and boldness. Paul is a great example of what it should look like to know and share your story.

Know your story

During the previous course on evangelism, you learned that knowing your story is important. You were encouraged to share some of your testimony as you discussed the good and bad ways to share about the hope you have in Christ. Knowing your story is a key component to evangelism. During this Personal Study you will be given another opportunity to develop your testimony.

And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. (1 Peter 3:15b)

Write your story

The prompts on the next few pages will provide a solid framework for building your story. As you work through the questions, try to think of specific examples and details that relate to each one. Take your time as you go through each section. Be sure to pray asking the Lord to guide you as you write your testimony. The space provided is not meant to limit you – grab extra paper if you run out of room, or type your story out on the computer if that feels more comfortable to you.

What was your life like before you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

What were your attitudes, needs, and problems?

What did your life revolve around? What was most important to you?

Where did you look for security, peace of mind, and happiness?

How did you come to accept Christ?

When did you first hear the Gospel?

When were you first exposed to a believer who lived out an authentic faith?

What were your initial reactions to Jesus Christ?

When and why did you begin to feel positively about Christianity?

What was the turning point in your attitude?

What feelings did you struggle with right before your decision?

What happened after you trusted Christ?

What changes did you see in your life? In your attitudes? In your actions?

How long did it take before you noticed any changes?

What does Jesus Christ mean to you now?

Key verse

Put to memory Colossians 2:6-7.

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Place the provided scripture card somewhere you can see it throughout the day.

Prayer time

Spend time in prayer thanking God for the gift of salvation, the hope you have in Him, and all the wonderful ways He's worked in your life. Thank God for helping you write out your testimony today. Ask Him to give you an opportunity this week to share your testimony with someone who may or may not know Christ and the boldness to respond to that opportunity.