

1. Read Acts 26:1-23

You have just read a story that some Christians refer to as a testimony. A testimony is the story of how a person becomes a Christian; it can also be a story about a specific event in a Christian's life. This event might be a time when a Christian believes God has done something special in their life or for them or that is worth sharing with others. Every believer has a story to tell. Some may be more dramatic than others, but all testimonies are important and can be used to help others learn about Christ. Let’s take a few minutes and work on your testimony.

1. Why and when did you accept Christ as your Savior?

2. What do you think it means, “To know Christ as your Savior”?

3. What was your life and attitude like before you came to know Christ?

4. How has your life and attitude changed since you have accepted Christ?

5. What do you think the following words mean:

a. Saved (salvation):

b. Repent:

c. Forgiven:

**II. Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. [19] Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [20] Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

- **Matthew 28:18-20**

Christians often use the word **Gospel**. The word Gospel means “good news”. When we speak about the Gospel we are talking about the good news of Jesus’ love for us, that He died on the cross for us and rose from the dead so that we can have eternal life. That is the Gospel message.

**Read: Acts 8:4-8; 26-38**

1. What was Phillip doing?

2. What was the reaction of the people who heard Phillip share the Gospel Message? (v.8)

3. How did Phillip know he was to talk to this man? (v. 27-30)

4. How did Phillip talk about the “good news”, the Gospel Message? (v.35)

5. After reading this story, what do you think the word evangelism means?

6. What are some ways that God’s Spirit will lead us to share the Gospel? **Reread Acts 8:29**

*(sharing the Gospel means explaining to another person what the Bible says a person must do to be saved)*

***Preach the word of God. Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.*** **- *2 Timothy 4:2***

7. The most important and effective way to share the Gospel is by living it. Aside from living a Christ centered life, what are some other ways to share the Gospel?

**Know the scripture:**

*In* ***Acts 8:35*** *Philip used the word of God (the scriptures) to share the Gospel.*

8. Try to think of as many other different ways to know the scripture as you can (list them below):

***Keep it simple. The message of the Gospel is simple yet Powerful***

**Dear brothers and sisters, when I first came to you I didn't use lofty words and brilliant ideas to tell you God's message. [2] For I decided to concentrate only on Jesus Christ and his death on the cross. [3] I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. [4] And my message and my preaching were very plain. I did not use wise and persuasive speeches, but the Holy Spirit was powerful among you. [5] I did this so that you might trust the power of God rather than human wisdom.**

**-1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

***Be Open to God’s Leading.***

***To effectively sharing your faith begins with a willing heart***

The following is a step by step illustration you might use when you explain to a friend how they might do as you did and believe that Jesus is your savior, asking for forgiveness. It is called the Bridge Illustration. Why do you think it is called the Bridge?