

PREPARING YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

READ ACTS 26

1. What was Paul's approach to Agrippa?
2. What did Paul include in his background?
3. How did he describe his meeting Jesus?
4. Why should we use a personal testimony?

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

1. Make it personal, not preachy; use "I" and "me" not "you" and "we."
2. Follow an outline.
 - A. Before – How your life looked before you became a Christian; include how you became aware of your need for Christ.
 - B. How – How you specifically became a Christian; communicate the gospel clearly and briefly; include the following:
 - a. The fact of sin
 - b. The penalty of sin
 - c. Jesus' payment for sin
 - d. The requirement to repent and trust Jesus personally
 - e. The steps you took to invite Christ into your life (could have been a prayer of commitment)
 - C. After – How Jesus changed your life; relate back to the areas you struggled with before conversion.
3. Clearly write out your personal testimony using the outline provided. Try to keep it between 3 to 4 minutes.
4. If you plan to read your testimony, bring it with you on the day you are going to be baptized. If you prefer to recite or summarize it, condense your testimony to an outline and commit it to memory.