**HOW TO USE A PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

**To get conversation started (review):**

FIRM: Family, Interests, Religion (shift to spiritual), Message

Methods of Evangelism: Bible, Historical Jesus, Testimony, Brokenness.

There is rarely a wrong way to share the gospel.

3 Circles is based on brokenness.

**Testimony**

This is *your* testimony, not the Gospel Presentation

1. Short (no more than 3 minutes) - think elevator conversation.
2. No church words. Ex: “I met Jesus” rather than “I was saved”
3. What was I like before Jesus - How I met Jesus - What my life has been like since
4. Prepare an intro and a transition to a Gospel presentation.

Example intro: May I share with you briefly what has made a difference in my life? May I tell you about what my experience has been?

Example exit: I would like to share with you how you may meet Jesus. I would like to tell you about what Jesus can do for you.

**Gospel Presentation**

1. God’s plan is for good things in your life. John 10:10, John 3:16, John 14:6
2. Because of sin we are separated from God. Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
3. Jesus died for our sins. If we repent, we can have eternal life. Romans 5:8,1 Peter 3:18, Romans 10:9, 13 (because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)
4. Repent and believe. Rev. 3:20, Eph. 2:8, John 1:12

**Closure and Invitation**

1. Understand? Did what I said make sense? Did I do a good job of explaining it?
2. Readiness? Is there any reason why you wouldn’t receive Christ?
3. Commitment? Are you ready right now to commit your life to Christ?

**Follow-up**

If they receive Christ, go to the Assurance of Salvation, 1 John 5:11-12, and make sure that they know they are in the group that has eternal life.

Suggested follow-up: “Is there anyone you can tell who will be glad to hear this?” “Do you have a Bible?” “I’ll call you in a few days and see how you are doing and if I can answer any questions.” Invite to church or help find a church (if not in our area).