



What is a Gospel Story?

Your gospel story is a powerful tool that can be used to witness to lost people and encourage Christians. Sharing your Before-How-After gospel story will give you the opportunity to witness in a conversational way. This template is designed to help you write out your gospel story so you can use it as a witnessing tool.

1. Before I Received Christ (Recommended 1-2 minutes)

A. What was your life like before you accepted Christ? Try to use an attention grabbing first sentence. Describe in a way that communicates well with non-believers (don't use religious terminology). If you received Christ at a young age see NOTE below.

B. What did your life revolve around? Where did you get your security or happiness from? What were your struggles, emptiness, and need for change?

C. How did those areas begin to let you down? What was the series of events that led you to Christ? (Be careful this is not the time to confess your sins)

2. How I received Christ (Recommended 1-2 minutes)

A. When was the first time you heard the gospel?

B. What was your first reaction?

C. When and how did you come to a decision?

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3. After I received Christ (Recommended 1-2 minutes)

A. Specific change you have seen in your life. Include illustrations.

B. How long did it take for you to notice a change?

C. How are you motivated differently? How does your relationship with Christ affect your decisions regarding activities, relationships, future, etc.

D. How has Jesus helped you in the areas you mentioned in section 1?

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NOTE

If you received Christ at a young age you still have a story to tell. Focus on areas you struggled with after you received Christ. How did Christ help you navigate through your struggles? What has kept you serving Christ for so long? Many Christians have fallen by the wayside and your story can help them.

Helpful thoughts:

- 1 Write like you speak. Make the story yours and keep it positive.
- 2 Choose a theme. Before and After Christ should have the same narrative.
- 3 Try to keep it around 3 minutes to help your listeners stay engaged.
- 4 Don't ever think your story is boring. Everyone's story will relate to someone.
- 5 It's ok to mention struggles. It will help listeners relate to you.
- 6 Make sure there is a clear presentation of the gospel. Romans 10:9
- 7 Don't assume your listeners know the Bible or who Jesus is.
- 8 Share your story honestly and from your heart.
- 9 Don't leave them with the impression that all their problems will disappear. Help them to realize their relationship with Christ will help them navigate the problems in life.
- 10 Highlight the blessings and changes in your life.
- 11 Practice it over and over until it becomes natural. It doesn't have to be perfect you are telling YOUR gospel story.
- 12 Ask God to direct people to you that you can tell your gospel story to. It might be at a store, work, or someone you happen to meet. Any interaction you have can be an opportunity for you to tell your gospel story. If you pray God will be faithful in proving Himself by sending people that want to hear your gospel story.
- 13 Ask God for boldness and discernment for the opportunities He WILL give you.



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