Acts 26:9-29

My Story for His Glory

Paul Gives His Testimony

- *1 Peter 3:15 – Be ready always to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope that is within you…*

Paul's Life Before Jesus v4-11

- Pharisee – Legalistic – v5
- Hostile – v6
- Impassioned – v10
- Obsessive – v11
- Enraged – v11
- Persistent – v11

Paul's Encounter with Jesus v12-18

- Bright light from heaven – v13
- Fallen to the ground – v14
- Heard a voice – v14
- Jesus exposes Paul – v14
- Paul questions Jesus – v15
- Jesus convicts Paul – v16-18
  - Encouragement and Purpose
  - Protection and Guidance
  - The gospel

Paul's Life After Jesus v19-23

- Obedient – v19
- Declares the gospel – v20
- New behavior – v20
- Persecuted – v21
- Trusts in God's faithfulness – v22

Your Life Before Jesus

- What were your attitudes, needs and problems, behaviors, feelings, thoughts, and relationships with others?
- What did your life revolve around? What was most important to you; your priorities?
- What did you look to for security, peace of mind, and happiness?
- In what ways did those leave you unsatisfied?

Trusting in Jesus

- Summarize the gospel and how you responded to the gospel. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
- How were you led to Christ? What motivated you to receive Jesus as Savior? As Lord?
- Use scripture if possible

Your Life After Jesus

- How did your life change?
- Contrast who you were before with who you are now and focus on the change God has produced and is continuing to produce in your life.
- End by asking a concluding question to provide others with an opportunity to consider where they are spiritually in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Final Thoughts

- Have a theme that goes through the testimony, i.e.: I was angry/I have peace
- If using broad terms, explain them, i.e.: I was angry. I hated my boss. My kids infuriated me / I have peace. My stress level is down. People and situations that used to get under my skin don't bother me any more
- Include experiences and examples if helpful
- Entire testimony should be less than 3 minutes