



NewHope Baptist Church

Preparing and Sharing your testimony

It is a powerful thing to share with others what God is doing in your life and it may even help someone else to follow Jesus as well! At NewHope we love to share stories about God's work in our lives so that we can be encouraged by all that God is doing.

A Few Practical Tips

- Ask God to give you inspiration and guidance as you write.
- Use the four point outline below to help frame your thoughts.
- Write out a draft and share it with a pastor or the person baptising you.
- Share at least one bible verse that has impacted your journey.
- Remember to address why you are being baptised.
- Produce a testimony that does not exceed an A4 page (roughly 3-4 minutes).
- Use simple, clear language.
- Introduce yourself (first and last name).
- Share with enthusiasm and passion.
- Speak loudly and clearly in a natural and relaxed tone.
- Avoid preaching at people. Share your story, a testimony not a 'preachimony'.
- Remember to look up, and see the community supporting you as you share your story.
- Give glory to God!

My Story

A testimony is a personal story of your spiritual journey thus far. Use these four points to help structure your testimony.

- **Your life before you came to know Jesus Christ.** What things were most important to you? What did your life revolve around? Why were they so important? What basic need were you attempting to fill? How did you try to satisfy that need?

If you grew up with strong and positive Christian influences on your life you might want to celebrate this heritage and honour the people who's example made Jesus attractive to you.

- **How you came to see your need for Jesus.** When did you first begin to feel positive towards the gospel? Why? What did you see in Christian people that was a positive influence on you?
- **How you received him into your life.** When did you first hear the message of Jesus and what was your reaction? Why did you make the decision to trust Christ and how did you do that?
- **What Jesus has done and is now doing in your life.** What changes have occurred in your life as a result? How do you know Christ in your life?