

## Testimony/Personal Faith Story Interview Style



For many students and adults, the thought of having to develop a speech and speak in front of a group of people creates much anxiety, doubt and fear. More people are terrified of public speaking than spiders or snakes.

In order to help such a person think through their faith story and share it with others, an interview style approach is often helpful. Instead of standing in front of strangers and having to come up with what to say, the individual can sit among a group and be interviewed by a “friendly face”. This often takes much of the anxiety away and allows them to open up.

Listed below are a series of questions that can be asked interview style. The questions are broken into 4 categories. When interviewing someone, choose one question from each category. Ask each question and allow time for them to respond.

### **Before Christ**

- What was your life like before you accepted Christ as your Savior?
- Before you met Jesus, who or what did you place your faith in - Parents? Sports? Friends? Relationships? Money?
- If you could describe your life before you met Christ in one word, what would it be? Why?
- As a Christian, you have been “saved”. What has God saved you from?

### **Profession of Faith**

- Could you please share about the time when you asked Christ to be your Savior?
- What was happening in your life when you realized that the gospel was true?
- Who shared the gospel with you and how did it change your mind about who Jesus is?
- What happened in your life that caused you to realize you needed Jesus to save you?

### **How You Have Changed**

- How are you different now than before you accepted Jesus?
- How did the Holy Spirit change your thinking about sin and being obedient to God’s Word?
- What is God speaking into you today? What are you learning about Him and His Word and how is it challenging you?
- What has been the biggest change in your life since accepting Jesus as your Savior?

### **Gospel Summary**

- You mentioned that God has saved you. What has He saved you from?
  - Jesus died on the Cross for you. Why did he do so?
  - Why do others need to have a relationship with Jesus?
  - You accepted Jesus when you heard the Good News. What is the Good News?
- (Note: Interviewer may need to summarize the gospel and communicate it clearly.)

**Interviewer should listen attentively to answers and ask clarifying questions when needed.**