

Preparing a Lay Witness

Remember that your final witness talk is to be no more than approximately 3-3.5 minutes. The outline that follows will help you to prepare a succinct and powerful talk.



1. Set aside time in which to pray, reflect, and savor memories.
2. Begin to organize your thoughts:

What are key moments on your journey of faith that have led you to the present moment?

How is God acting in your life?

In what ways are you growing now?

In what ways are you being challenged to change or develop?

Have you recently experienced a moment of conversion or of crisis (remembering that "crisis" can describe both a positive or negative moment of insight or a situation that will result in impact in your life)?

Are there passages of scripture or a song we sing at church that have provided guidance or encouragement?

3. Now begin to hone in on the message you wish to convey.

What are the key points that you hope to express?

Do a brief outline. It helps to consider:

Where were you in the past? (For example, what did you understand stewardship to be?) Give an example that illustrates that point in your life.

Where are you now? (What is your present understanding of stewardship? Briefly, name one experience that drew you to change.)

How is God acting with you, in you and through you? (In what ways are you currently offering of yourself and your resources? How are you continuing to grow in generosity?)

Include a heart-felt invitation to others to enter or continue on the journey through generous giving of themselves and their resources.

Thank you for your willingness to witness to the ways in which Christ is living in and through you! Feel free to call the Stewardship Committee member who is your mentor for this process or our staff liaison with questions or for feedback during your preparation. Your Stewardship Committee member will schedule practice and feedback time prior to the weekend in which you will speak. May God continue to bless you abundantly!