



KEEPING IT REAL

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

Every Christian has a testimony, and every one is a miracle (see 2 Corinthians 4 if you need convincing). Sharing your testimony is a great way of explaining the gospel to your friends:

- Your testimony makes the gospel **real** to your mates. It is not just an interesting topic for discussion, but something which means a lot to you.
- Your testimony makes a discussion more **personal**, moving things away from apologetics and abstract ideas.
- Your testimony is an **example** of the response that the good news of Jesus forces us to make.

GET YOUR STORY STRAIGHT

Although your testimony should be personal, it's helpful to think it through. That way you can make sure you get across the important elements of the story, and that it's more about Jesus than you...

Fill in the boxes below...

What I was like before	How and why I became a Christian	What I was like after

- Try to explain your story in a couple of minutes, covering the three main points above.

Your testimony should be all about Jesus – he's the one who saves us, not us! With your story in mind, consider the following:

- Is your story more about **you** or about **Jesus**? How can you make it more about him?
- Could someone tell the same story and replace the name 'Jesus' with 'Mohammed' or 'Buddha'? Have you explained why Jesus is **uniquely important**?
- Remember, your testimony is a **'never-ending story.'** Don't just explain how Jesus was relevant ten years ago – how is he relevant now?