

Military Christian Fellowship of Australia

The Hard Questions Series

Topic Five: How best can we tell others in the ADF about Christ?

Week One:

Introduction

How many times have we been asked “what’s your story” but have been unprepared to answer? And then later you think of all the things you should have said? Every Christian has a compelling witness to the miracle of salvation – their own story. Whether you had a radical conversion or were brought up in a Christian family, we can all use our own story to explain why Christ matters to us.

Have each person give their story for 3 – 4 minutes

- † Was that easy? If not, why not?
- † How many people have actually been trained to tell their story?
- † If you were “accused” of Christianity and it went before a judge, would you be found guilty?

How best to prepare?

- † Write down your story. Helps get it clear and concise.
- † Make it personal, use “I” and “me” never “you” when witnessing to others, or they may feel condemned. See Paul’s example 1 Tim 1:15 – 16.
- † Make it short. 3 - 4 minutes maximum. If you can’t tell it in that time then it will be too complicated to understand.
- † Keep Christ central. Keep coming back to how He has made a difference in your life.
- † Use the Word. Try to memorize at least one verse that explains “your” story.
- † Rehearse with other Christians, help each other get better.

Week Two:

How should I structure “my story”?

- † Why I trusted Christ...(challenges faced, the consequences of sin, Isaiah 53:6).
- † How I trusted Christ...(repent, believe, receive, Rom 3:21 - 25).
- † Since I’ve trusted Christ...(challenges overcome, good deeds, Matt 5:16).

How do I deal with the “tricky” questions?

- † Who says the Bible is true and if Jesus was a real person?
- † Aren’t all religions the same?
- † I’ve been to church, it doesn’t appeal to me, why would I want to go?
- † I’ve seen the Davinci Code, isn’t it all just a church plot?

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is what brings people to a position of redemption, not our efforts but a simple explanation of how and why we became a Christian is one of the most powerful ways we can tell others of Christ. Coupled with a lifestyle that is consistent with our words it will clearly point seekers to Christ in a way that does not condemn.