

From Mafia to Ministry: The Power of Personal Testimony in Evangelism

According to Matthew 28:18-20, all Christians are called to spread the Gospel. One tool which we all have, regardless of how long we have been Christians, what our background is, and whether or not we have any theological training, is our personal experience with Jesus - our personal testimony. If used well, personal testimony can be a powerful tool for sharing the Gospel. In this workshop we will talk about using personal testimony in one-on-one evangelism, seeker bible studies, and evangelistic talks. In doing so, Slavko will share his own powerful story of Christ's transformative love calling him from the mafia to ministry. Besides learning how to better prepare and deliver a personal testimony, we will also consider how to teach others to do it.

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I. Testimony in personal evangelism

A. Importance of personal testimony

1. How to prepare and share personal testimony

2. How to teach others to do it

II. Testimony in an evangelistic talk

B. How to integrate personal testimony into an evangelistic talk

1. Practicalities

III. Sample talk

A. Talk on “Satisfaction”

B. Talk on “Transformation”

Suggested On-line talks:

- Talk on “Transformation” in church setting
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9Xu8pv32o0>
- Talk on “Transformation” in non-church setting
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tENW7FCHcE>
- Talk on “Satisfaction” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyG1D4Lniyc>