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## SESSION TWO

# Developing **KNOW-HOW**



(What Do We Say?)

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## Developing KNOW-HOW

### What Do We Say?

*“For I was ... born into a pure-blooded Jewish family that is a branch of the tribe of Benjamin... What’s more, I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law.... And I obeyed the Jewish law so carefully that I was never accused of any fault.”*  
*Philippians 3:4-6 (NLT)*

*“This is a true saying and everyone should believe it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - and I was the worst of them all.”*  
*1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)*

*“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”* Acts 1:8

What does a “witness” do?

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### **1** A model for witnessing - Paul in Acts 26:1-23

A. His life \_\_\_\_\_ he knew Jesus. v. 1-11

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ he met Jesus (when, where, who, what).  
 v. 12-18

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C. His life \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus came in. v. 19-23

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**2** Most Christians think, "I don't have a dramatic story like that - I don't have much of a testimony."

**IS THAT TRUE?**

Remember - before you accepted Jesus, you were:

\_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 19:10

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\_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 4:4

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\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 4:5

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\_\_\_\_\_ - Ephesians 2:1

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\_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 5:10

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**Do YOU have a testimony?**

**If you truly are a Christian Yes!**

*"When the Lord first pardoned my sin, I was so joyous I could scarcely refrain from dancing. I thought on the road home from the house where I had been set at liberty, that I must tell the stones in the street of my deliverance. So full was my soul of joy, that I wanted to tell every snowflake that was falling from heaven of the wondrous love of Jesus, who had blotted out the sins of one of the chief of rebels."  
Charles H. Spurgeon*







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**YOUR PERSONAL STORY**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ I came to accept Jesus into my life:**

Lined writing area for personal story

*Tell when, where,  
and who or what  
was involved  
(Acts 26:12-13).*

*Use your words.*

*Use common words.*

*Give enough of the  
gospel so the person  
listening would know  
enough to be saved.*

*“Now, brothers, I  
want to remind you  
of the gospel... that  
Christ died for our  
sins according to the  
Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he  
was buried, that he  
was raised on the  
third day according  
to the Scriptures,”*

*I Corinthians 15:1, 3-4*

*“I am not ashamed  
of the gospel, because  
it is the power of  
God for the salvation  
of everyone who  
believes...”*

*Romans 1:16*







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**What Now?**

**Based on what we have just seen in God’s Word—  
what should you do today?**

*“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.”* James 1:22

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**Make a commitment to share your story \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ before tomorrow evening.**

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**Knowing it is my responsibility to witness for my Lord  
Jesus, I will share my personal story of receiving Jesus  
Christ as my Savior with at least one person tomorrow!**

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Name Date

*“So the man went  
away and told all  
over town how  
much Jesus had  
done for him.”  
Luke 8:39*

*“Many of the  
Samaritans from  
that town believed  
in Him because  
of the woman’s  
testimony...”  
John 4:39*



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## Sharing Your Story is Powerful!

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LifeWay Research, a Christian research firm, surveyed 15,173 people about how they would respond to various methods of being approached about the Gospel.

The survey found only two ways most people said they were somewhat or very willing to “receive information” about Jesus: 63% would hear it in a “personal conversation” with a family member, and 56% said they would receive information about Jesus in a personal conversation with a friend or neighbor from the church.

Thirteen other ways to reach out – including print advertising, notes on the door, billboards, radio, television and high-tech online efforts – were clearly rebuffed.

Sharing your story is very powerful. Most unbelievers have never read the Bible. Most do not put a lot of stock in what the “experts” say. They WILL listen to and believe your story of how God changed your life.

While I am thankful for the many ways the Gospel can be presented, and I am delighted every time the Gospel is shared, I believe the very best way to deliver the Good News of Jesus is when we deliver it in the vehicle of our own story. No one likes to be “preached at”, but everyone likes a good story. It is very likely that you will be surprised about how your family and friends respond when you share your story with them.

I am also convinced that not only is sharing our story the most effective way to deliver the Good News, it is also the most Biblical way. We don’t see believers in the New Testament memorizing a script or a presentation, but again and again, we see them telling about their encounter with Jesus Christ.