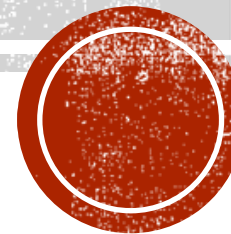


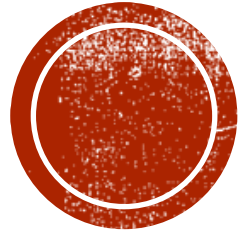
# TESTIMONIES: LET'S HAVE MORE

First Presbyterian Church of Ipswich MA

Adult Sunday School Fall 2022

Led by Charles Wagner





# INTRODUCTION

Class, Instructor Introduction

# PURPOSE OF CLASS

- To strategize as a group how more believers can prepare and share their testimonies with a world that is starving for hope.



# NOT-SO-HIDDEN AGENDA

- That two or more individuals from this class express their desire to prepare and share their testimony for the first time.



# COURSE AGENDA

| Class  | Date               |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Know what you believe about testimonies                 | July 31, 2022      |
| 2. Yes, you have a testimony to share                      | September 11, 2022 |
| 3. Does the Bible tell us to share our testimonies?        | September 18, 2022 |
| 4. Testimonies for evangelism                              | September 25, 2022 |
| 5. Testimonies for discipleship                            | October 2, 2022    |
| 6. TBD   | October 9, 2022    |
| 7. Testimony tips and insights                             | October 16, 2022   |
| 8. The structure of a useful testimony                     | October 23, 2022   |
| 9. A vision for a new testimony-friendly Christian culture | November 13, 2022  |



# RECAP WEEK #2 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

## YES, YOU HAVE A TESTIMONY TO SHARE

| Item                           | Time      |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Class, Introduction, Prayer    | 5 minutes |
| Nothing Special About My Story | 6 minutes |
| Unpacking The White Lie        | 6 minutes |
| What We Deserve                | 9 minutes |
| What Christ Did For Us         | 9 minutes |
| Defeatism                      | 2 minutes |
| The Celebration                | 6 minutes |
| Closing Prayer                 | 2 minutes |



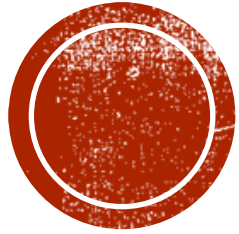
WEEK 3 OF 8: SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

# DOES THE BIBLE TELL US TO SHARE TESTIMONIES?

- **Goal for Class:** Nobody leaves the room today doubting the Bible tells us to share testimonies.
- **Agenda:**

| Item                              | Time       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Class, Introduction, Prayer       | 5 minutes  |
| 24 Bible Verses About Testimonies | 38 minutes |
| Closing Prayer                    | 2 minutes  |

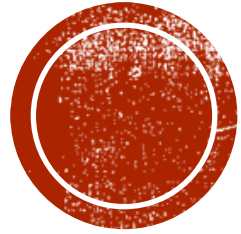




**PRAYER**







# 24 BIBLE VERSES ABOUT TESTIMONIES



# #1. 1 CHRONICLES 16:8

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.



## #2. PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



# #3. PSALM 66:16

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.



## #4. PSALM 71:15-18

“My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long - though I know not how to relate them all. I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone. Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.”



# #5. PSALM 96:3

“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”



# #6. PSALM 107:2

“Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.”



# #7. DANIEL 4:2

“It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.





# #8. MATTHEW 10:32

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.”



# #9. MARK 5:19 (LUKE 8:39)

“Jesus did not let him, but said, ‘Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.’”



# #10. MARK 8:38

“If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”



# #11. LUKE 12:8-9

“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.”



## #12. LUKE 4:28-30

“Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.”



# #13. ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



# #14. ACTS 4:20

“As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”



# #15. ACTS 22:1-21 (26:1-18)

“King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews, and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently. The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee. And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our ancestors that I am on trial today. This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it...”





“...is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead? I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord’s people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities. On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ ‘I am Jesus,...



“...whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’”



# #16. ROMANS 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”



# #17. ROMANS 10:14

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”



# #18. 2 TIMOTHY 1:8

“So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.”



# #19. 1 PETER 3:15

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”



# #20. 1 JOHN 1:1-4

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.”



# #21. 1 JOHN 5:10-11

“Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”





## #22. REVELATION 6:9

“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.”



# #23. REVELATION 12:11

“They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”



# #24. REVELATION 20:4

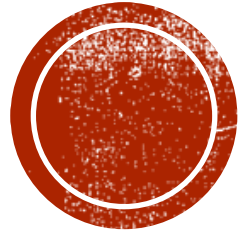
“I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God.”



## #25. MARK 5:40-43

“After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.”





# **CLOSING PRAYER**

