

The Belonging Initiative Week 6: Sharing Your Testimony

Throughout the Belonging Initiative we have challenged you to pray for your church, spend time getting to know your church, serve with your church, reach in and love on your church, and reach out evangelistically to the world around us as a church. Today, we want to challenge you to **share your testimony** with others. Sharing about how God has been, and continues to be, at work in your life is a wonderful way to help strengthen a sense of belonging among+ other believers. It is also a great way to be a witness to the world around us as they hear of our awesome God at work in the lives of His people.

It is funny how, even at church, we can talk about everything but our faith. Sports, politics, work, fishing – they are all easy conversations, but we want to challenge you to experience something more. We want to challenge you to build relationships based on Christ through sharing with others how God is at work in your life. Romans 1: 16 states, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”* If you believe the gospel is the power of God and you are not ashamed of that power, then why would you not want to share your personal experience of that power? If your hope is in the power of God and not in the things of this world, then we want to challenge you to share that hope with the people God has placed all around you. However, one pastor asked the question, *“Why don’t people ask us about our hope?”* He answered, *“probably because we look as if we hope in the same thing as they do.”* May our hope not look like the world, but instead, may our hope reflect Christ and compel us to share it with everyone who will listen. As you do that, we are praying as Paul prayed in Philemon 1:6, *“that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgement of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.”*

Ways we want to challenge you to share your testimony:

- Do the people closest to you know how God has been and continues to be at work in your life? If not, make a point to share your testimony with them.
- Does the church family that God has given you know of your love for Him and how He is at work in your life? If not, make a point to share with the family of God the testimony He has given you.



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