

Baptism Testimony

Since baptism is an expression of your commitment to Christ, it's often encouraging to others to hear your story. Where you *were* at, where you *are* at, how Christ is having an impact on your life and why you want to show your faith by being baptized.

When you're ready, we'll set up a time for you to come to the church and record your story. Don't worry, we'll do everything we can to make sure you're at ease and good with the outcome.

Here's the questions you'll be asked for the testimony:

- 1) What is your name and how long have you been coming to The Waymart Church?
- 2) What was your life like before you met Jesus?
- 3) How did you come to know Christ?
- 4) How has your life changed now that you know Jesus?
- 5) Why do you want to be baptized?

We aim to keep the videos around 2-3 minutes each so there's no need to prepare long answers.

Here's a little more detail along with some examples of how you can answer:

1) Opening/Introduction

This simply lets people know who you are.

2) Life Before Christ

This is where you briefly share what your life was like before you encountered Jesus. Mention any struggles, emptiness, or personal challenges you faced. Keep it concise but make it relatable so that others can see a part of themselves in your story.

EXAMPLE: "Before I found Jesus, my life was a constant pursuit of success and happiness, but it always felt like something was missing."

3) How You Came to Christ

In this section, explain the turning point in your life that led you to accept Jesus. Share the circumstances, emotions, or insights that brought you to faith.

EXAMPLE: "One day, I hit rock bottom, and I realized I couldn't do it on my own. It was then that I found Jesus through a friend who shared their faith with me."

4) Your Life After Coming to Christ

Describe the transformation that took place in your life once you accepted Christ. Highlight personal growth, peace, newfound purpose, or any blessings you've experienced.

EXAMPLE: "Since I accepted Jesus, I've found a sense of purpose that I'd never known before. My relationships have improved, and I have a profound inner peace that I can't explain in any other way."

5) Why you want to be Baptized

By this point, you've probably come to an understanding of what baptism is and why you're doing it. But maybe there's part of the story that could be beneficial to those in attendance who will hear your testimony.

EXAMPLE: "Ever since I came to know Christ six months ago, I've wanted to let everyone I talk to know how much He's changed my life. In our Life Group, we talked about baptism as an expression of faith and I thought, 'I need to do this!'"

6) Closing statement:

This is a powerful moment at the end of the video where you make a declaration directly into the camera lens, letting everyone know exactly where you stand and why you're there.

EXAMPLE: "My name is Pat Smith and I'm getting baptized today to let the world know that I am a follow of Jesus Christ and I've trusted him as Lord of my life."

Remember, the goal of a two-minute testimony is to convey your story in a concise, engaging, and Christ-centered manner. Keep it personal, authentic, and focused on the hope and redemption that faith in Jesus offers. Practice your testimony until it flows naturally, and you'll be better equipped to share the message of Christ with those around you. Your story can be a powerful tool for pointing people to Jesus and inspiring faith in others.

VIDEO TESTIMONY TIPS:

Here's some tips and instructions to keep in mind when you're ready to shoot your video:

1. Pause before answering the question (give it a 3 count).
2. Rephrase the question in your answer (i.e. "What was your life like before you believed in Jesus?" – My life before Jesus was...").
3. Think about your answer, formulate it in your head, and keep it concise.
4. Retakes fixes mistakes – Its OK to mess up and ask for a do-over! We'll edit it for all the good parts.
5. Be yourself – no need to act. It's your authentic voice that will reach people.
6. Don't look at us, look at the camera!