

Hello Rooted Friends,

IMPORTANT HOMEWORK WEEK

Only 2 more weeks left.....we are down the home stretch. We will be challenged to share our faith story with someone. You will also be looking back over the 9 weeks at what God has been doing in your life. Be sure to spend time daily seeking and searching for what God is saying. Let's finish well. This Sunday we have real work to accomplish that will be a result of this week's homework/ prep.

1. Sharing Your Testimony

- This is very different from what we have been doing with sharing our God stories in that
- This will be limited to 2 or 3 minutes => this would be 45 minutes of testimony if everyone showed up and shared 3min each.
- Literally following Day 3 "your before" and Day 4 "your after" on pgs 182-189
- I did use a timer and we had a few go over and we all still survived and accomplished the task.

2. Cardboard Testimonies

- Come with a complete response to this statement
- "Ten weeks ago, I was..." "Today, I am..."
- watch a video of these cardboard testimonies at www.vimeo.com/4119793

Sharing our faith can be intimidating because we never know how it will be received.

But God only calls us to be prepared to share good news and let him handle the preparing of hearts and how people respond.

Week 9: Bible Memory Verse

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who ask you to give reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Why and How should I Tell Others?

This week you will be looking at Gods story and your story He is writing. Take the time to write your story and consider who God would have you share it with. Share your own struggle being bold and empathize with how hard it is to go there in a conversation. There may be a few whose gift is evangelism who may not find it hard at all, but it does not mean any of us are exempt from sharing with those God places in our path.

Looking forward to our final weeks together and our Celebration Night together and rejoicing with those who will be baptized. Remember: (insert date/time/location)