



Notes | July 7, 2024

Blessed Assurance

Exploring hymns from our past help us find confidence in our present and hope for our future. Hymns are the testimony of one generation's faith to the next. Today, we still write hymns as a way to pass our faith onto the next generation. When something is good, you can't stop talking about it. When something is bad, you can't stop talking about it. Our words carry weight. God has given each of us a testimony, and there is power in that testimony.

Key Scripture | Psalm 100: 1-5

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through ALL generations."

Related Scriptures

Psalm 107:1-2; Acts 4:33, Luke 8:39; John 4:39; Revelation 12:11, 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:23-25; John 4

Icebreaker:

Q: Did you grow up in a church that sung hymns? What is your favorite hymn?

Key Thoughts and Reflections:



Three places your testimony has power:

I. To fight sin, Satan and temptation:

Q: How does understanding the "Great Exchange" (our sins imputed to Jesus and His righteousness imputed to us) change your perspective in regards to sin?

Q: Can you share an experience where recalling your testimony helped you overcome a temptation?

Q: How can you use your testimony to remind yourself of your new identity in Christ when you feel under attack?

II. To encourage others:

Q: How has hearing someone else's testimony encouraged your own faith journey?

Q: What are some ways you can share your testimony with your small group or community to encourage them?

Q: How can sharing even the small ways God has worked in your life be impactful to others?

III. To reach your "One":

Q: Why do you think personal testimonies are so powerful in reaching people who are far from God?

Q: Can you think of a time when sharing your testimony made a significant impact on someone else's life?

Q: What obstacles or fears do you face when sharing your testimony, and how can you overcome them?

Get Practical

Using the four questions below, take time this week to craft your testimony so that you are ready to share effectively how God transformed your life to those who need to hear about Jesus' enduring love.

How did you come to know God?

What did God help you find freedom from?



What did you Discover your Purpose to be?
How does God help you Make a Difference?