<u>Text</u>

Have someone read aloud **Ephesians 3:20-21**.

The testimony of a Christ follower is one of God's boundless grace and how He can do more than we could ever fathom when we surrender our lives to Him. Our testimony is also a powerful weapon of the Holy Spirit to work in other people's lives in conjunction with the Gospel to bring people to Christ to the glory of God. "It's not just about how God and the gospel fit into your story, but also about how your story fits into the greater story of the gospel."

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was your favorite part of Easter weekend?
- 2. What stood out to you the most about Pastor Robby's testimony? Why?

Have someone read aloud <u>James 1:2-4</u> and <u>James 2:10</u>.

- 3. How does seeking comfort and comparison of sin affect your relationship with Christ and with others?
- 4. How can sharing your testimony help you grow in your faith, and how can it help others?

Application

Spend some time sharing your testimony with one another. If you have never shared your testimony before or are uncomfortable with it, below are tips to utilize for sharing your testimony.



Testimony Sharing Tips

- 1. Keep it short, 3-4 minutes. Remember that the purpose of telling your story is not about you; it's about God. Clearly and succinctly communicate what He has done in your life.
- 2. A good flow for a testimony is to share the <u>before</u>, <u>how</u>, and <u>after</u>. You are answering three questions with your testimony. What was your life like before Christ? How did you meet Christ? How has your life changed since meeting Christ?

(For more information on how to share your testimony, check out the article 6 *Principles for Sharing Your Testimony,* linked below.)

Prayer

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

1. Thank the Lord for what he has done in our lives, and ask him to work through our lives and provide testimony for His glory.

Additional Resources and Information

Here are some additional resources for this week's topics and texts.

<u>6 Principles for Sharing Your Testimony</u> - The Gospel Coalition "Personal testimonies are one of the most influential tools the Holy Spirit uses to stir spiritual interest and point people toward Christ." This article will help you prepare your own testimony in a simple, succinct, straightforward, and, most importantly, God-glorifying way.

<u>'I Have a Boring Testimony!' No, You Don't.</u> - The Gospel Coalition "We should tell stories of God's heroism, regardless of whether our sin was flamboyant. Every story of conversion is a dramatic telling of God's kindness. When our focus is on his kindness, each story becomes a wild testimony of extravagant grace."

