

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

*...For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ...So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:1-18, NIV)*

*"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (1 John 5:11, NIV)*

*This week there isn't a formal teaching time. Instead we have a time of sharing, where people share the story of God in their lives.*

### Key Point

There is power in sharing your testimony

### A step to take

Look to see how God is working in and through your life.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter.

- What type of stories do you find the most engaging (historical, fictional, personal, etc.)? Why?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- Someone comes up to you and asks why you follow Jesus? What would you tell them?
- From the passage what do you observe about the power of testimony?
- How do you think we make our stories more complicated than we need to? What could you change about that?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share the story of Christ at work in your life or write it down if you are doing this on your own. If you need help use this as a guide:
  - o Life before Jesus Christ
  - o Coming to know Jesus Christ
  - o Life in Jesus Christ
  - o Inviting others to know Jesus Christ

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Jesus, thank-you that I am part of the story you are writing. Thank-you for saving me from my sin and giving me a testimony that points to the life I have in you. Give me courage to share that story with others.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the *Jesus Reigns* Bible Plan With Friends: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/1852-jesus-reigns-2>
- Check out this helpful article on composing your testimony. [The Power of Your Testimony - FOCUS \(focusequip.org\)](#)
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.