

How To Compose Your Two-Minute Baptism Testimony

Old Life => The Gospel => New Life

At Garden City we value stories of redemption, and your story speaks of the goodness and greatness of Jesus. Therefore, when you are baptized at Garden City, we request that you give a two-minute testimony about your life to those gathered as witnesses. This is not a requirement, but we encourage it as we believe your story will have a great impact for Jesus. The questions below serve as a template for composing your testimony. Answer at least two questions from each section below in a “life story” format – it should read more like a narrative than bullet points and be right around 300 words long. Send your written testimony to the Garden City Intern, Daniel Kunkel (daniel@gardencitysv.com), and take the time you need to internalize it, getting it deep down in your heart. Please also bring a print out to use as a reference while you speak, but try not to read your whole story directly from it.

Old Life (Without Jesus)

What was your life like before Jesus, and what did you believe about the world and your existence in it?

What were your major idols – in what/whom did you place your hope?

When and how did you recognize your need for Jesus (*what was the turning point*)?

The Gospel (The Story of Jesus)

Who is Jesus, and what is the gospel (*Choose a verse/short passage of scripture to support your explanation*)?

Why do you believe in the gospel of Jesus?

New Life (With Jesus)

How has Jesus transformed your life and confronted your idols?

How is the gospel currently at work inside of you (*how is God sanctifying you*)?

What is at stake for those who don't believe in Jesus, and why should they believe in Him?