



Vital Role of Lay Testimony

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A little bit about me, my story...



- Served in the Marine Corps
- Married young (she was Baptist)
- Struggled

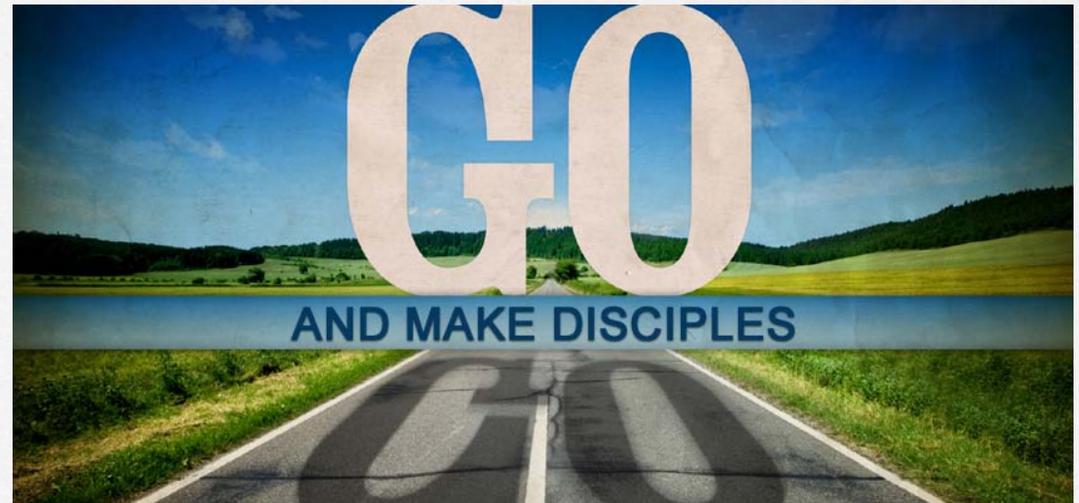
- My own Conversion -- Aha!
- Good Old Nate Dog
- Understanding Life wasn't about me
- What was your Aha?

Why is being a Witness Important?

The Great Commission

But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

- We are all connected
- We often learn from our mistakes and the mistakes of others
- We share God
- Meet them where they are



What Works

- Personal Story
- Sincere & Genuine
- Slight vulnerability
- Partnering with someone
- Humor
- Honesty & an Invitation



What may not work...

- Reading straight from the paper
- Lecturing or Bragging
- Not receiving input from the pastor/deacon
- Going over time-limit
- Yelling or speaking to quietly

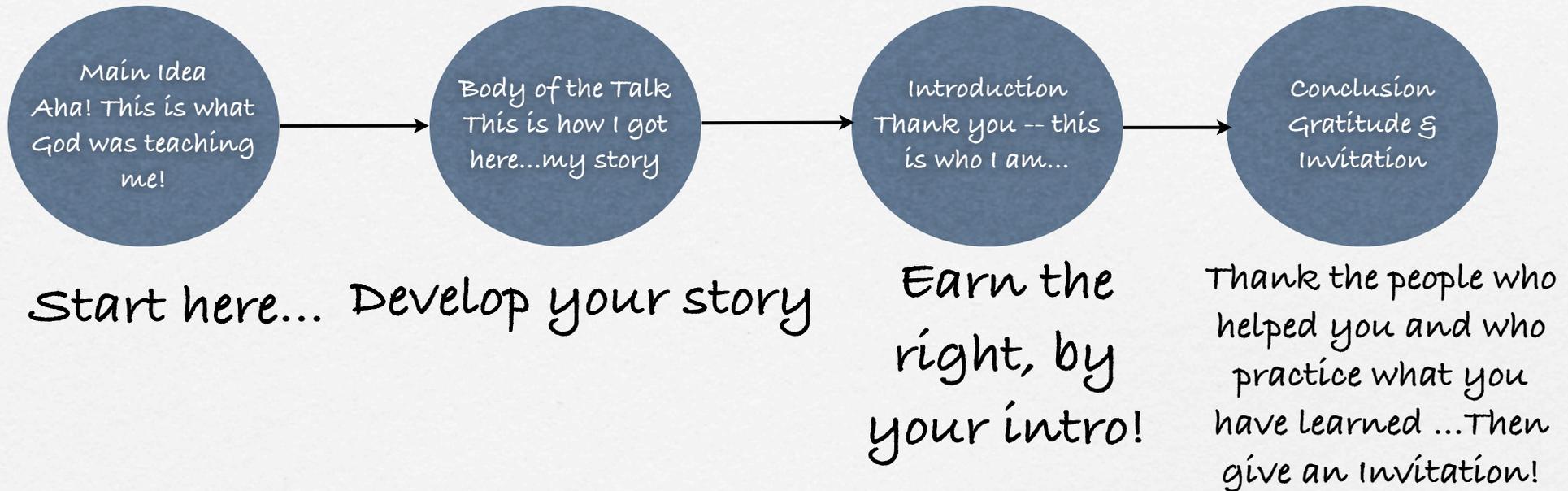


Where Do I Start?

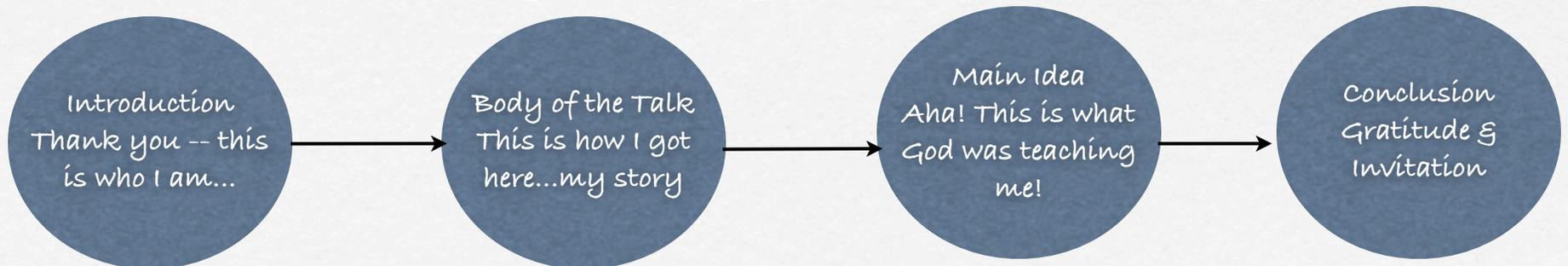
- Prayer
- Preparation
- Personal Story
- Practice



A Road Map in writing...

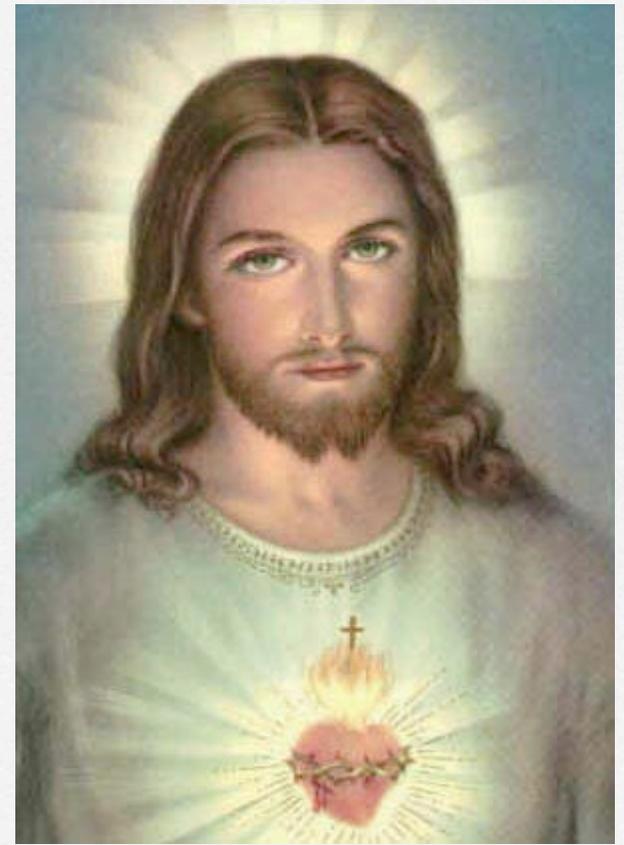


A Road Map in presenting...



A Road Map in telling your story...

- When did you first realize God was real?
- How old were you?
Where were you? What were you experiencing?
- How did it change you?



Lay Witness -- Lets Test It

□ Lets Practice

□ Find a partner

□ Pick an "A" pick a "B"

□ When the first one goes, the other can only listen -- NO TALKING!

□ Switch after 2 minutes



What is the most important thing to remember?

- Its not about you!
- "He must increase, but I must decrease."
John 3:30
- Your don't look as nervous as you feel
- Stewardship is a way of life





“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13

Thank you & Questions

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