

Facilitation Guide





Introduction to WOW! with Friends

"WOW!" is short for Women of Witness. "WOW! with Friends" is designed as a small group gathering, with the aim of hosting believing and/or pre-believing friends and families, for a time of fellowship. It also serves as an invitation to build and encourage each other as we come together. You may host these gatherings in your homes or any preferred conducive venue.

Our desire is to empower you to become an effective witness where you are, and this package has been designed to assist you to host your friends. It will include:

- Online sermonette
- Facilitation guide
- E-Salvation guide for you to lead your friend(s) to salvation in Jesus Christ.
- E-Hosting Kit which includes a downloadable DIY Photo booth props, posters, and personalized e-invites.

We will love to stay connected with you and to keep you and your small group in prayer, so do let us know where and when you will be hosting WOW! with Friends.

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Password: witness2023

Let us be inspired, equipped and empowered to become effective witnesses for Jesus!



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Format of Facilitation Guide

1. Introduction & Focus points	Facilitator can introduce "WOW! with Friends" and share the focus points with the group.
2. Watch Video Sermonette	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
3. Key Scripture & Elaboration	Use the notes and scripture references to elaborate on the focus points in the Facilitation Guide to help with the learning experience of the group. The facilitator is encouraged to share her personal stories and testimonies as well.
4. Discussion Questions	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
5. Challenge	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
6. Closing & Prayer	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.



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Sermonette: The Power of Testimony

<u>Introduction</u>

Testimony means "witnessing" or "being a witness." Preaching is presenting the truths of God's Word directly, but testimony is speaking from personal experience that relate to the Word of God and confirm the truth of God's Word. Sharing our testimonies is one powerful way to preach the gospel to our pre-believing friends and family, it brings encouragement and hope to the world that they too can experience the love and mercies of God. Testimonies also bring edification to both the listener and the one who testifies. Professing of what God has done for you, has a way to stir up faith in people that are going through similar situations that you went through.

The scripture in the bible is given by inspiration of God, and it empowers us by its instruction and correction, giving us the strength to take the right direction and lead us deeper into the path of godliness. The bible also records many testimonies and personal accounts that still inspires us in this present day. They serve as reminders of how God has been present in the lives of His people throughout history and encourages us to continue walking with Him through life's struggles and triumphs.

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." – John 4:39

The story of the Samaritan women is an example of how the power of testimony can impact lives. Her encounter with Jesus transformed and compelled her to testify and witness to her community. We are all commissioned to be God's witnesses to all nations, and it is our role and responsibility to testify of His goodness and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The most effective testimony starts with being authentic to share what you have seen or experience. Everyone has a story, what is your story?



Focus Points

- 1. Our testimony is a weapon of spiritual warfare.
- 2. Our testimony provides a foundation for the next generation.
- 3. Our testimony is a prophetic declaration for the future.

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Key Scripture & Elaboration

1. Our testimony is a weapon of spiritual warfare.

- All of us carries a very powerful weapon, our tongue. Scriptures tell us in Proverbs 18:21, that our tongue has the powers to wield life and death. Words are containers of power that create action, they can either build up or they tear down lives.
- In the beginning, Genesis 1:3 records that God created the world through His speech; "Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." Since we are made in the image and likeness of God who created the universe through His Word, we are also endued with His power to speak life into the lives of others.
- 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
 - Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)
- 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.
 - Revelation 12:10-11 (NKJV)
- The battles that we are engaged in are not of the physical but spiritual. Spiritual
 battles are always wage at a level that encompasses the supernatural authority
 and power.
- Our testimony is a weapon of spiritual warfare that is birth from the supernatural encounters of God's power and love.

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- "We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us." Derek Prince
- We triumph over the enemy when we start proclaiming what the Lord has done for us. As we testify and bear witness to the truth it sheds light into hopeless situations and it also exposes the lies that the enemy sows.

2. Our testimony provides a foundation for the next generation.

- The annual migration of the Monarch butterfly across North America has been called "one of the most spectacular natural phenomena in the world" The Monarch butterfly takes three generations to complete their migration, they lay their eggs, die, and the next generation of Monarchs continue the journey.
- The Monarch Butterfly is a great representation of God's multigenerational vision.
 God revealed himself to Moses as a multigenerational God in Exodus 3:6, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."
- God told Moses to say to the Israelites in Exodus 3:15, "The Lord, the God of your fathers-the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob-has sent me to you. This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."
- Generational succession was God's purpose from the beginning, His desire is for all generations to know and abide in Him.
- God's kingdom is an everlasting one that endures from generation to generation.
 Our purpose extends beyond our generation, we are called to impact and influence the future generations.

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- ¹ Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
 - ² Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

- Psalm 90:1-2 (NKJV)
- ³⁰ A posterity shall serve Him.

It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation,

³¹ They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,

That He has done this.

- Psalm 22:30-31 (NKJV)
- ⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another,
 And shall declare Your mighty acts.
 - Psalm 145:4 (NKJV)
- Psalm 145:4 gives clear instructions that we should be passing the praises of God from one generation to another. Our duty is to share testimonies of God's marvellous works to the next generation, this allows the legacy of faith to pass through the generations to ensure that His praises endures forever.
- Blessings can flow from listening to testimonies of God's wisdom from believers
 that have walked ahead of us in this life. And have the ability to access the very
 same power contained within the testimonies of previous generations.
- The older generation can inspire the younger to praise God by recalling His
 powerful deeds from the past. Likewise, the younger generation can ignite praise
 in the older generation by proclaiming the fresh and new workings of God.
- We are to learn from the preceding generations and keep their testimonies close to our hearts and impart faith and truth to the next generation.



3. Our testimony is a prophetic declaration for the future.

- 111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
 For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
 - Psalm 119:111
- The Hebrew word for "testimony" in Psalm 119 is 'Aydooth'. It means 'do it again
 with the same power and authority'. When we testify, we are declaring that God
 possesses the ability to repeat the wonders and miracles that He performed in
 the past.
- God remains constant throughout time, with His unchanging nature, character, and power. While He may work in different ways, at different times, and in different seasons, we can wholeheartedly trust in the unchanging nature of God.
- Revelation 19:10 says "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy".
- Prophecy foretells what is to come, and when it happens, it becomes a testimony.
- Testimony then becomes a prophecy, for it carries within it the power to repeat the promise and reproduce the miracle.
- Matthew 9:20-22 records the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. Her
 healing story released the power to reproduce the miracle by inspiring others to
 imitate her faith in Matthew 14:34-36. This is the ripple effect of sharing
 testimonies, our testimonies transforms the world. It ignites faith!
- When you declare what God says about your future, a powerful mandate is released. You establish an agreement with God that releases His abundant blessings over your life.



Discussion Questions

- 1. What character traits of God are most meaningful to you? Why?
- 2. Share an important event which shaped and/or strengthened your faith.

Challenge

- 1. Remember and relive the moments of what God has done for you.
- 2. Remind others what God has done and encourage them to expect similar experiences.

Closing

The power of testimonies has the ability to connect us to the faith of those who have gone before us, propelling us even further into the remarkable things God is accomplishing in our time. Let us all grow from faith to faith, experiencing greater breakthroughs, surpassing our own limitations and delve deeper into our relationship with God!

Prayer

- 1. Pray for God to lead us to be effective witnesses and for us to speak with wisdom and grace.
- 2. Pray for God to give us the boldness and opportunities to share our testimony to others, including the younger generation.

