

5 minute online testimonies

With such a surge in interest in faith during the Covid crisis and so many people seeking God in the online environment we think it'd be great to galvanise ourselves and get our stories out there!

The idea is to video yourself giving your testimony, focusing on what God has done for you, and sharing the gospel with a prayer of salvation at the end if that feels right -in less than 5 minutes!

Then put it on your Facebook or/and share it with us and it can be added to BBC's Youtube channel. I know it's a bit of a challenge but these are challenging times, let's hold out hope to others. We could also add an invitation to the up and coming 'Come and See' course.

To plan it out you need less than 1min on each of the following:

1) brief background on our life beforehand -particularly what we were lacking (that God has now done for us).

2) how God met us and our response.

3) what God has done for us in changing us.

4) a brief outline of the gospel/ give one reason why Jesus is good news for other people

5) say a prayer of salvation / a prayer asking to know Jesus more, that people can repeat as they watch–if you feel it's appropriate. Alternatively say you're praying for them.

So, a total of no more than 5 minutes (quick impact is important for social media!) Film in portrait/square view, and think about the best room/place to film too.

If you are nervous why not do a dry run and share your story with your SG on WhatsApp and then you can receive encouragement and feedback.

This both reaches out to others and sharpens us too in having at our fingertips what God has done for us, practice in presenting the gospel clearly and leading people into a prayer for salvation. The prayer reaches people in crisis as well as those who're on a journey and who may engage with a course.

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