

Witness Talk Ideas

When encouraging others to study the Scriptures, the most effective witness is to describe what the word of God has meant in your own life. When we give witness, we offer an invitation to see what God has in store for each of us.

- Using the Scriptures for personal prayer and reflection can deeply transform a person's attitudes and approach to life. The word of God can challenge us, console us, convict us, and motivate us. It can remind us of our own dignity as a son or daughter of God. It helps us to know God better and to know ourselves better in relationship to our Creator and Redeemer.
- Help people to realize that this program of Bible study is for people who face the ordinary struggles and routines we find in marriage, family, and work. Too many people delay studying Scripture until their lives are calmer and time is more available. Those kinds of delays may prevent people from ever studying the Bible. Appeal to the need we all have to reflect on the word of God in the present moment of our lives.
- Communicate the following:
 - Little Rock Scripture Study is for you as you are now.
 - Little Rock Scripture Study will affect your everyday life in good ways.
 - Little Rock Scripture Study requires a limited time commitment of a set number of weeks.
- This program of Bible study will give us sustenance, challenge, and hope in the midst of daily living. God's word will make a difference in our lives when we make the effort to explore it.
- There are many biblical images that describe the transforming power of God's word in our lives. You may wish to use one or more of these images as the foundation of your personal witness:
 - life-giving rain (Isa 55:10-11)
 - a light for our path (Ps 119:105)
 - constant source of vitality (Isa 40:8)
 - fire and hammer (Jer 23:29)
 - fertile seed (Mark 4:14, 20)
 - two-edged sword (Heb 4:12)
 - motivation for action (Jas 1:21-22)
 - source of community (Acts 20:32)
- Encourage participation in Scripture study by being clear about what it will involve. Explain that it consists of creating a habit of brief daily home study, and a weekly meeting for prayer, discussion, and a wrap-up lecture. Also, indicate the dates and times, and how to register.